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WHITEHALL'S NEW DEAL FOR INDIA

Cabinet Ministers On Special Mission

OUT TO SEEK WAY OUT OF DEADLOCK

Pethick-Lawrence, Cripps And Alexander To Fly In March

LONDON, February 19. (Reuter).

THREE British Cabinet Ministers are going to India to discuss with leaders of Indian opinion the framing of an Indian constitution. They are Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary for India, Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade and Mr. Albert Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.

This was officially announced in the House of Lords to-day.

Text Of Statement

The announcement was made by Lord Pethick-Lawrence who said: "The House will recall that on 19th September 1945, on his return to India after discussions with the British Government, the Viceroy made a statement of policy in the course which he outlined the positive steps to be taken immediately after the Central and Provincial Election to promote in conjunction with leaders of Indian opinion early realisation of full Self-Government in India.

Those steps include: First, preparatory discussions with elected representatives of British India and with Indian States in order to secure the widest measure of agreement as to the method of framing a constitution;

Second, the setting up of a Constitution-Making Body; and

Third, the bringing into being of an Executive Council having the support of the main Indian Parties.

A SPECIAL MISSION

Elections at the Centre were held at the end of last year and in some of the provinces they are also over and responsible Governments are in the process of formation. In other provinces polling dates are spread over the next few weeks. With the approach of the end of the electoral campaign, the British Government have been considering the most fruitful method of giving effect to the programme to which I have referred.

In view of the paramount importance not only to India and to the British Commonwealth, but to the peace of the world, of a successful outcome of discussions with leaders of Indian opinion, the British Government have decided with the approval of His Majesty the King to send out to India a special mission of Cabinet Ministers consisting of the Secretary of State for India (Lord Pethick-Lawrence) the President of the Board of Trade (Sir Stafford Cripps) and the First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. A. V. Alexander) to act in association with the Viceroy in this matter.

PLEA FOR GOODWILL

This decision has full concurrence of Lord Wavell.

"I feel sure that the House will give its support and goodwill to the Ministers and the Viceroy in carrying out a task in which the future of 400,000,000 people and crucial issues both for India and the world will be at stake.

During the absence of these Ministers, the Prime Minister will himself assume responsibility for Admiralty business and the Lord President (Mr. Herbert Morrison) will be incharge of the Board of Trade.

So far as India and Burma Offices are concerned the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Major Arthur Henderson) will be in charge during my own absence, but he will be able to rely upon the personal advice of the Prime Minister whenever it is required and he will refer important issues to him particularly those affecting Burma where the Government will not, like the Viceroy, be in personal touch with myself."

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

The Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee in making a similar statement to the Commons added that the mission would go to India towards the end of March.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Acting Leader of Opposition, said: While it is clear

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NO PARALLEL IN HISTORY

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 19.

It appears Sir Stafford Cripps takes the view that he failed in 1942 because his hands were tied to Mr. Churchill's Coalition. Sir S. Cripps is very optimistic in believing that he will regain the confidence of the Indian people. One thing must be stressed here. Since 1942 Sir S. Cripps has continued to maintain his interest in Indian affairs. Every Indian of importance very often even Indian students, had interviews with him during this long period. He has shown himself fully familiar with happenings in India and has expressed various types of solution for the Indian problem. That is why he is included in the mission instead of Miss Ellen Wilkinson who had, I am told, expressed willingness to make the journey to India.

A Very Brave Step

(REUTER): The Government's announcement of the dispatch of a Cabinet Delegation to India to confer with Lord Wavell and nationalist leaders on the constitutional situation has aroused widespread interest in Parliamentary quarters.

Prominent Liberal National Member, Henderson Stewart said: "Nothing like this to my knowledge has ever been done before. Never in history have we had a delegation of such weight and carrying authority in such degree. It is a very brave step and if it comes off the credit will no doubt redound to the Government. If it fails, however, it will be a snub not only to this Government but to Britain".

Lord Faringdon, one of the Labour Peers, said it showed that the Government's intentions were serious that they had thought it necessary to send three Cabinet Ministers all of whom were engaged on extremely important business at home out to India.

FIRST FRUITS OF BARDOLOI CABINET

GAUHATI, Feb. 19 (A.P.I.): Five political prisoners, sentenced to ten years' R. I. each in Sarupathar Train Derailment Case arising out of the 1942 August movement were released yesterday.

This is the first act of the Bardoloi Ministry in implementing the Congress Assembly Party's programme.

The new Ministry has further passed orders for the release of other political prisoners in Assam, excepting three whose cases are now under consideration. The restrictive orders and warrants of arrest issued against Congressmen since 1942 August movement have also been withdrawn.

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Cut In City Rations From Thursday

The Government of Bombay has reduced from Thursday, February 21, 1946 the quantum of cereal ration available on ration cards and ration permits issued in Bombay City and its suburban rationed area. From that date the total quantity of foodgrains available on ration cards as well as on ration permits issued to establishments will be 1-9/16th seers per unit per week. Each adult ration card holder will thus get 3-1/8 seers of foodgrains per week. The maximum proportions of rice and wheat available on these ration cards and permits will be 3/5th and 18/25th respectively, that is, an adult ration card holder can obtain rice to the extent of 1-7/8 seers and wheat to the extent of 2-1/4 seers within the total ration of 3-1/8 seers. Out of the rice ration, boiled rice of inferior quality would be available to the extent of 1/3 i.e., an adult can get 5/8th seer.

Manual labourers will get their supplementary foodgrains ration at the rate of one seer per week. The restrictions on the maximum proportions of rice and wheat in the supplementary ration will remain as at present.

A Press Note issued by the Government of Bombay says that the necessary amendments to the City of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulations are being published in the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary of February 20, 1946.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED

The Public Relations Officer (Rationing) writes:—

The Government of Bombay would welcome suggestions from the public designed to avoid waste of food and to conserve the cereal resources of this Province in the present food situation. Suggestions may kindly be sent to the Supply Commissioner, Secretariat, Bombay or the Public Relations Officer (Rationing), 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay.)

HOPE RESIGNS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): H. E. The Hon. Sir Arthur Hope, has been compelled by ill-health to request permission to resign his office as Governor of Madras before the expiry of his extended term of office, says a Communique.

His majesty the King has been pleased to grant this request and to approve the appointment of Sir Henry Foley Knight, to act as Governor until the arrival of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Archibald Nye about the middle of April. Sir Henry Knight will take over charge on the 26th February.

BURROWS SUCCEEDS CASEY

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): Sir Frederick Burrows, first member of the British Labour Party to become Governor of Bengal, took the oaths of allegiance and of his new office today.

Earlier, Mr. R. G. Casey, who vacated office as Governor of Bengal and Mrs. Casey left by air for the United States via the Phillipines.

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. S. A. Brelvi, the outgoing President of the A.-I. N. E. C. and Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh photographed in the Vizianagram Hall at Allahabad, where the A.-I. N. E. C. met recently.

VILLAGERS PREVENT REMOVAL OF WHEAT

Offer Satyagraha Before Govt. Godown And Hold Up Lorry

AHMEDNAGAR, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): Three hundred people—men, women and children—of Navasakhurd in Ahmednagar District, offered satyagraha to prevent the export of wheat from their village during the week-end.

A motor lorry was sent to the village on February 15 to remove about 200 bags of wheat from the Government grain godown. When the villagers saw the bags being removed, some of them lay on the lorry and would not move from there.

When asked who their leader was, they are reported to have replied that each one of them was his own leader and that the authorities may take down their names if they wanted to do so.

Those who sat on the lorry refused to go away and remained there even during the night and the next day.

The foty bags of wheat, which were put in the lorry, were then returned to the godown and the empty lorry was taken away.

EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS FROM INDIA

MADRAS, Feb. 19. (A.P.A.): Swami Venkatachalam Chetti, former M.L.A. (Central), rebutted the Viceroy's assertion that foodgrains were not exported from India during 1945. He showed from Government statistics recently published that about 40,000 tons of rice were exported from India to foreign countries from April to November 1945.

He pointed this out while offering his suggestions at a conference convened by Madras Mayor last evening to consider how best to meet food shortage.

The Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Madras, replied emphatically that Madras had no part whatever in rice export.

(A.P.I.): To facilitate the expeditious despatch of business relating to food supply, His Excellency the Governor has ordered that the Civil Supplies Branch of the Board of Revenue shall form a separate department of the Government Secretariat known as the Food Department.

"GROW MORE FOOD" PROSPECT

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): An additional out-turn of 750,000 tons of foodstuffs has been estimated as the ultimate result of the "grow more food" campaign, says an account of the review of post-war plans carried out by Sir Ardeshir Dalal, shortly before he left the Government of India. According to this account, 7,000 tube wells are being sunk and over 3,000 tanks and 4,000 other minor irrigation works are under construction. The cost of the campaign in 1945/46 is placed at Rs. 2 crores in loan and Rs. 1.7 crores in grants.

UNITE ON FOOD ISSUE

LAHORE, Feb. 19. (A.P.A.): A public appeal to keep the food question beyond the domain of politics and "to sink all political differences" is made by Khan Bahadur Sheikh Karamat Ali, Member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, who has been a prominent member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

"It shall indeed be a shabby show of politics if any party out of selfish considerations were not to align itself with the philanthropic move to relieve the tension of starvation. All must combine toward that end," said the Sheikh in an interview to the "Associated Press of America".

Declaration Of Independence Before Br. Mission's Visit

Jawahar's Tips To Labour Govt. After Election Problems

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 19. (A.P.A.): Reports that Lord Pethick-Lawrence and other officials might soon come to India were met today by a comment from Jawaharlal Nehru that such a group might help to fill in the details of arrangements for independence, but the first requirement "is recognition and proclamation of India's right to full independence".

Nehru's statement was made in an interview outlining the course of events he believed should follow the conclusion of the elections in April.

At the same time, he said, popular ministries were required to meet the food crisis, and issued a warning to wrong-doers that they would have no place in India Government after the change over to Indian control.

The interview was conducted in a relatively quiet interlude amid a deluge of visitors who deny Nehru a quiet hour from the time he arrives in Allahabad until he returns to his endless touring of the provinces in the political campaign. The interview ranged over a variety of subjects.

On the food question, Nehru said: "Popular confidence in, and co-operation with, the Administration are essential in order to deal with it. Popular Ministries would obviously be in a far better position to deal with the situation. They would have no easy task and demands on them would be greater. Yet, they would function in different psychological atmosphere and with greater competence and goodwill".

Pandit Nehru's comment on plans to expel undesirables under the National Government came in response to a question as to just what was meant in his recent speech at Benares when he said that any deaths resulting from the threatened food shortage would be "avenged".

NO OLD FEUDS

'Free India will not(wish to carry on old feuds," he said. 'It will be far too busy with big schemes of constructive work and for these a peaceful atmosphere is necessary. Therefore, there is no desire to punish any person, official or other, who may have misbehaved in the past, except, perhaps, in very grave cases. But it is obvious that we cannot co-operate with persons who are known and proved to have been corrupt or who have indulged in atrocities against our people. Such persons will have to be removed from positions of authority. Apart from this, no other step is contemplated.

'As regards the Bengal famine, I have stated that persons, officials or profiteers, responsible for it, either through gross negligence or corruption, should have been tried. There is no present question of trying them but when their negligence or corruption is proved, they will have to go."

AFTER ELECTIONS

Continuing his outline of what should come after elections, Nehru said that the proclamation of India's right to independence should be followed by calling of a Constituent Assembly, where 'India must draw up her constitution through her own

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STOP PRESS

CAIRO STUDENTS' STRIKE

CAIRO, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Thousands of secondary school pupils to-day went on strike here as a nationalist demonstration in the streets for hour and then marched to the Presidency shouting the usual nationalist slogans which demand withdrawal of the British and union between Egypt and the Sudan.

IRAN'S PREMIER IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Feb. 19. (Reuter): M. Ghavam Sultaneh, the Persian Prime Minister, arrived in Moscow by air this afternoon.

PUNJAB LIFTS BAN ON MEHRALI

LAHORE, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): Externment orders against 24 political workers, including Mr. Yusuf Mehrali, General Secretary, All-India Congress Socialist Party, have been cancelled it is announced.

The Punjab Government have passed orders for the release of Mr. Inayatullah, a Congress worker.

Towards United Front In India

BHOPAL AND AGA KHAN TO MEET MAHATMA

Azad Clarifies Congress Stand On Settlement & Struggle

POONA, February, 19. (A.P.I.)

THE Associated Press of India understands that His Highness the Nawab of Bhopal, the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, and His Highness the Aga Khan will meet Mahatma Gandhi in Poona on February 25 and will jointly discuss with Gandhiji matters relating to the general constitutional problems of India.

STATES PROBLEM

On the following day, it is learnt, His Highness the Nawab of Bhopal will again meet Mahatma Gandhi and discuss with him the question of the Indian States.

Well-informed quarters link these meetings with the determined efforts by the Nawab of Bhopal and the Aga Khan to explore means to help to bridge the gulf between the two main political parties of India and thus hasten the solution of India's constitutional problem.

MAHATMA LEAVES FOR POONA

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mahatma Gandhi left for Poona by the Deccan Queen this evening. A special third class bogey was attached to the train for the use of himself and the members of his party. He boarded the train at Kurla level crossing where he was seen off by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mr. S. K. Patil and others.

Prior to his departure Gandhiji had a busy day. A stream of visitors called on him in the morning. In the afternoon he spent three hours discussing various questions with Sardar Patel, Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramiah joined in the talks later on.

On his way to the train Gandhiji called on his ailing nephew, Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji and spent some time with him.

Gandhiji will be back in Bombay on March 1 on his way to Bardoli.

GANDHIJI IN POONA

POONA, Feb. 19. (A. P. I.): Mahatma Gandhi arrived in Poona today by the Deccan Queen from Bombay. He was accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Pyarelal, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Dr. Sushila Nayyar and Dr. Dinshaw Mehta.

Prominent local Congressmen including Mr. G. A. Deshpande, Secretary, Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, and Mr. V. G. Sathe were present at the Sivaji Nagar Railway Station to receive Mahatma Gandhi.

Alighting at the station he motored over a short distance and then walked for about a mile to reach the Nature Cure Clinic.

During his stay here Gandhiji will be mainly engaged in organizing the Nature Cure Clinic, of which he is one of the three Trustees.

Mahatma Gandhi is expected to visit the Aga Khan Palace on February 22, the second death anniversary of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi will stay here till the end of this month and then proceed to Bardoli from where he will return to Poona after two or three weeks.

AZAD COUNSELS PATIENCE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19 (A.P.I.): The Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, in a statement issued to-day, says that if the British Government fail to honour the September 1945 declaration in letter and in spirit, the Congress will consider the necessary steps for a final and decisive struggle. The Congress decision to wait and watch should not be construed as unwillingness to fight.

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

The following is the text of Maulana Azad's statement:—

'I am frequently asked about the present policy and future programme of the Congress and consider it my duty to state it as clearly and as unambiguously as I can.

'The only problem before India today is the immediate realisation of the country's independence. The British Government has made a declaration in September 1945. The Congress does not consider it satisfactory, but nevertheless, after considering all aspects of the situation, has decided to take the declaration at its face value. It has accordingly decided to participate in the elections and form Governments in the provinces. It will wait for the result of the provincial elections and watch what steps the British Government thereafter take. If the British Government then make an unequivocal declaration of India's independence, from Provisional National Government in the Centre as an interim measure, and convene a Constituent

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Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on Sunday the 24th February 1946 at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) at 5 Malabar Court, Ridge Road, Malabar Hill, the above mentioned furniture.

The property of Herbert Smith Esqr., of the Times of India.

On view between 9 A.M. and 7 P.M.

AUCTION SALE OF A BIG LOT OF PIPES.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver, Bombay, as Receiver in Suit No. 735 of 1945 (Currimbhai Abdulhusain vs. Janmahomed Munshi and anr.) Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will on Thursday, the 28th Feb. 1946 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction in the compound of Pres. Magistrate's Court, Mazagaon:—

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Zonal Quadrangular

WEST ZONES FATE HANGS IN BALANCE

Test Stars Surrender Tamely After Tea

By J. C. Maitra

The second day's play in the West-South engagement in the Zonal Quadrangular left the former in a rather precarious position.

While they were able to dismiss the last two batsmen of the South Zone for an addition of 12 runs only, making their total 369 by no means a big fugure—they lost 8 of their best wickets for a comparatively meagre aggregate of 219 runs. It is now problematical whether the remaining Western batsmen will succeed in putting the match out of the fire by hitting up the requisite number of 79 runs.

RAMSINGH'S UNBEATEN 125

To start with, A. G. Ramsingh, the Madras all-rounder, had the satisfaction of not only making the highest contribution to his side, but of carrying his bat too though he added only 4 runs to his overnight's score of 121. And it was a faultless innings too.

EXCELLENT START BY WEST

The opening pair of the West Zone, K. C. Ibrahim and Vinoo Mankad entered in their venture in such a confident style that it seemed that the home team would have an easy victory over their opponents. Actually 137 runs were registered, when the first wicket fell. Ibrahim going out for a steady 56. Vinoo, who appeared well-set for his century, also succumbed with an addition of 12 runs to the total. His own collection was 68. Although both these batsmen failed to attain the coveted distinction, they had placed their team on a sound footing.

WAS VIJAY MERCHANT OUT?

But a set of mishaps followed which undermined the early stability of the West Zone. Vijay Merchant, their skipper, was declared out when he had compiled only 14. Was he really out though? That is being asked on all sides. Why did umpire Billimoria wait so long to give his decision? If he was sure about it, he should have raised his fingure promptly the appeal was made by the wicketkeeper. But he hesitated. Evidently he had doubts in his mind. Then he made the mistake of giving the verdict against Merchant. He should have really given the benefit of doubt to the batsman.

SHINDE'S GRAND BOWLING

Of course this should not have put the fate of the West Zone in a precarious condition—with so many batsmen of all-India status still in reserve. Vijay Hazare and Rusi Modi appeared to save the situation by carrying the total to 190 before tea was announced.

But after this break, the Southern bowlers—Shinde and Palia in particular—came on top. They bowled such an immaculate length that even these Test batsmen could take no liberties with them. Only 30 runs were gathered within an hour! But worse than that three of the best wickets those of Modi, Hazare and Gul Mahomed—were lost in the bargain.

SUICIDE BY GUL MAHOMED!

Modi succumbed to a brilliant catch by Ashgar Ali at square leg when he had picked up only 20. Hazare went down rather unfortunately. He hit his own wicket in trying to pull Shinde to leg. Gul Mahomed had however no excuse for his suicide. He stepped yards out to punish Palia—when he had only a brace to his account—and missed! Ofcourse he was stumped.

From 200 for 3 to 218 for 6 was a calamitous change. Matters were made worse by the cheap dismissal of Adhikari and Saeed Ahmed.

Now it will need all the courage and grit which the remaining batsmen can muster to avert a disaster for the West. Will they rise to the occasion today?

TUESDAY'S GAME

A little more than a quarter hour's play sufficed to terminate the South Zone Innings for the addition of only 12 runs.

Docter who joined Ram Singh was bowled before he had opened his account by Phadkar who had replaced Hazare. Rangachari the last man suffered a similar fate at the hands of Phadkar after he had scored 8 runs.

Ram Singh carried his bat for 125.

WEST ZONE BAT

The West Zone commenced their reply with Ibrahim and Vinoo Mankad to the bowling of Sohoni and Palia. The five bowlers that were tried before the lunch interval made no impression on either of these and at lunch interval they were together with 41 each in a total of 85.

AFTER LUNCH

Ibrahim and Vinoo continued their good work after lunch and the hundred of the innings soon appeared on the board. The Bombay batsman reached his 50 and a little later Vinoo emulated his partner.

Deodhar then resorted to a double left handed attack. Ram Singh from the pavilion end and Palia from the Church Gate end were in charge of the attack and Deodhar was rewarded with three wickets.

Ibrahim was stumped off Ram Singh with the total at 125 and 20 runs later Vinoo was beaten and bowled by a very well flighted ball from Palia. Two runs later Merchant who had replaced Ibrahim edged Ram Singh to provide him with his second wicket.

Modi joined Hazare and after scoring two runs swept Palia to deep square-leg when Rangachari shirked a difficult catch.

The pair, however, shaped well thereafter and at tea time Modi and Hazare were batting with 17 and 27 respectively.

AFTER TEA

Shinde and Palia were in charge of the attack when play was resumed after tea. Shinde was bowling very cleverly and beat batsmen quite often. He was turning sharply and the ball often caught the edged of the batsmen's bat. He deliberately made Modi play the sweep stroke and after the ball had fallen short of Gazali fielding at deep square leg as a substitute for Rege. Modi repeated the stroke and gave an easy catch to the same fieldsman.

Shinde deserves full credit for getting the wicket as he did by attacking Modi's weak point.

Adhikari joined Hazare but lost his partner when he was only five short of his 50. He broke his wicket after hooking Shinde to the ropes.

Gul Mohammad came next and after scoring only two runs was out in the most stupid manner. He ran out to Palia and missed. For a man who claims to be considered for the English Tour this was a disgraceful performance.

Palia as ever was keeping an immaculate length and did not allow the batsmen to take any liberties. If he is not too old for selection, he is still the finest left-hand bowler in the country today.

Phadkar was Adhikari's next partner.

THE NEW BALL

With the total at 232 Deodhar called for the new ball and entrusted the attack to Sohoni and Rangachari.

In his second over Sohoni sent the Baroda stalwart back to the pavilion. After Adhikari had collected two fours in that over mishit a bumper from Sohoni and was held by Asgar Ali at deep square leg.

Saeed Ahmed joined Phadkar and the pair took the score to 285 by cautious batting before the Mangrol

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OBJECTS.

The Company has been formed generally for the objects specified in the Memorandum and more particularly with objects of:

(1) Erecting a Film Studio in Bombay and letting out the same to outside producers,

(2) Producing high class talkie films by the Company itself including commercial films,

(3) Constructing and running cinema Houses by taking monopolies or otherwise and,

(4) Distributing Cinema Films and doing other things auxiliary or subsidiary to the film industry.

The scope in this line is unquestionable. People have already become cinema minded and talkie films have come to be regarded as the most appealing form of entertainment, information, education and publicity. With the economic and industrial development of the Country, the film industry can look forward to a brighter future for itself than it has attained so far.

Any National Government in India is sure to build up this industry for the vast revenues that are obtained and also because it is a self-sustaining vehicle of national propaganda, an instrument of public opinion and education, potentially far more powerful than the school or the political platform. All Governments must find good market for their films in other countries. Indian Films have got a very vast unexplored field before them, i.e. exhibition abroad. With passing of the time we will have more and more clients of our pictures. The institution which we call an industry today will be proudly called a super industry tomorrow. Film Industry during the past few years has gained so important a place that today the Government of India are proposing the formation of a Film Council and Institute. This industry is in a developing stage. Fifteen years ago the state of American Film Industry was very much like that of India today. U.S.A. have made stupendous progress and the same can be taken as the future of our country's industry in the years to come.

The figures of the gross income of the Indian Film Industry as Rs. 9,93,-45,100 in the year 1943-44 and Rs. 11,53,25,611 in the year 1944-45 speak for themselves.

There are about 1,800 Cinema Houses, including 500 touring cinemas throughout this country with 400 million population. The United States of America, having only one-third of the population of India, has as many as 17,000 Cinema Houses. Thus in our country the proportion hardly works out to an average of one cinema house per 2,00,000 individuals whereas we should have at least six times the number of our present cinema houses having regard to the vastness of our country and its huge population. Moreover more than two million of the Indian Armed Forces returning back home will more than ever be habituated to and look for cinema entertainment.

"With the rural reconstruction scheme of various Provincial Governments coming into force in the very near future the number of Cinema Houses in the rural districts and prominent cities of the country will increase for which better and more films will be necessary. Company's one object is to fill a part of that necessity.

There is already a shortage of properly equipped film studio and with the withdrawal of the Film Control and Licensing Orders the run on the existing Studios, which is already being felt, is going to be heavier by a growing number of producers. The immediate programme of the Company is to build a first class fully equipped Studio in Bombay. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF STUDIOS AND INSTALLATION OF THE LATEST MACHINERY HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. SOME OF THE PRODUCERS ARE ALREADY NEGOTIATING WITH THE COMPANY FOR THE HIRE OF OUR STUDIO WHEN READY.

The Company has been fortunate in receiving support from some of the best experts in the film industry. Their technical knowledge and vast experience will be of much material help to the Company.

Apart from this the Directors are contemplating to send a batch of selected young men to Hollywood where they can get the necessary technical training to serve the Company.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION:

The immediate subscription upon which the Directors may proceed to allotment is shares of the face value of Rs. 2,00,000.

BROKERAGE:

The Directors have decided to pay a brokerage of annas -/8/- per share to brokers and parties on application received through them or bearing their stamp.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION:

The Articles of Association of the Company provide that the qualification of every Director other than the nominees of the Managing Agents, special or Technical Director, shall be holding of shares of the nominal value of Rs. 20,000.

MANAGEMENT:

M/s. United Film Corporation have been appointed the first Managing Agents of the Company for a period of 20 years from the date of the incorporation of the Company upon the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement dated 30th Jan. '46 which agreement is open for inspection at the Regd. Office of the Company.

RIGHT OF VOTING

Upon a show of hands every member entitled to vote and present in person or by an agent duly authorised under a Power of Attorney shall have one vote and upon a poll every member entitled to vote and present in person or by an agent duly authorised under a Power of Attorney or by a proxy shall have one vote for each share of every kind held by him.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES:

Application for shares should be made in units of 10 shares or multiples of 10 shares and forwarded to the Registered Office of the Company (Jan Mansion, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay) or the Bankers of the Company, viz. Imperial Bank of India, The Bharat Bank Ltd., and the Punjab National Bank Ltd., at all their Branches, together with the amount payable on application, i.e. Rs. 5/- per share. In case no shares are allotted the whole of the deposit will be refunded and if lesser number of shares is allotted the excess will be utilised for payment of the amount of the allotment moneys and the balance, if any, left will be refunded.

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To-day's Engagements

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION:—Weekly Meeting of the Standing Committee in the Municipal Hall at 3 p.m. (B.T.) to-day.

CONGRESS HOUSE: Ordinary meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee at 6 p.m. to-day at the Congress House.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: To-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road on "Ardibehesht Yasht—an explanation of the scheme of healing contained therein."

INDIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION: Meeting of the Bombay Provincial Branch at 6-15 p.m. to-day in the Department of Chemical Technology, Matunga. Mr. K. C. Chatterjee will give a talk on "Modern Methods in the Evaluation of Crude drugs."

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Control of The Mind" is the subject of talk to be delivered and to be followed by questions and answers at 6-15 today at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

BOMBAY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Bradley Centenary: Prof. J. C. P. d'Andrade will read a paper on 'Bradley's Psychology' today (Wednesday), Government Law College, 6 p.m.

COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION DRIVE: Open space, opp. Ambewadi Marathi School, Ambewadi today (Ward C).

TELEPHONE WORKERS' UNION: General Body meeting at 6-30 p.m. today at Nagpada Neighbourhood Hall.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY: Anti-Small-pox mass vaccination at (1) the office of the Superintendent of Vaccination, Suparibag Road, Polbavdi, Parel, at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) today. At the same time and place arrangements are also made for Small-pox free vaccination.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Those who are desirous to work as Volunteers for the ensuing Provincial Legislative Election which is to take place on 11th March, are requested to give their names from 15th Feb. '46 to 25th Feb. '46 between 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Khadi Bhandar, Bajaj Wadi, Station Road, Santa Cruz.

GITA KENDRA: Discourses on Gita by Acharya T. T. Venkateswara Dikshitar to-day and to-morrow at 8-30 p.m. at the Asthika Samaj, Matunga.

Madhurai Mani's Concert

The specially erected shamiana of the Krishna Gana Sabha in the Podar College Grounds which was damaged by fire on Tuesday morning has been reconstructed and the rest of the anniversary concerts will go on as usual. To-day's (Wednesday) programme is recital by Madurai Mani to the accompaniment of Rajamanickam Pillai (Violin) and Palghat Mani (Mridangam), at 8.15 p.m.

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PRESS NOTE: His Excellency the Governor will boadcast at 9.40 p.m. on the Food Situation on Wednesday the 20th inst. from All India Radio, Bombay. His Excellency's talk will be followed by translations in Marathi and Gujarati.

WEST ZONE'S FATE HANGS IN BALANCE

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school master was bowled by Palia who had relieved Sohoni with barely a couple of minutes to go.

Amir Elahi joined Phadkar and the pair played out time.

Scores:

SOUTH ZONE (First Innings).	
Rege, l.b.w. b Hazare	17
Palia, b Saeed Ahmed	13
Asgar Ali b Saeed Ahmed	0
Sohoni, b Hazare	51
Deodhar, b Vinoo Mankad	89
Ram Singh, not out	125
Frank, l.b.w. b Vinoo Mankad	0
Albara, c Adhikari, b Phadkar	46
Shinde, c Gul Mohammad, b Hazare	5
Doctor, b Phadkar	0
Rangachari, b Phadkar	8
Extras	15
Total	369

FALL OF WICKETS:—1/16, 2/16, 3/62, 4/133, 5/246, 6/246, 7/341, 8/357, 9/357 and 10/369.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Phadkar	25	4	89	3
Saeed Ahmed	26	5	60	2
Hazare	25	6	68	3
Vinoo Mankad	23	5	51	2
Amir Elahi	21	0	76	0
Merchant	5	2	10	0

WEST ZONE (First Innings).

Ibrahim, st. Doctor b Ram Singh	56
Vinoo Mankad, b Palia	68
Merchant, c Doctor, b Ram Singh	14
Hazare hit wicket, b Shinde	45
Modi, c Substitute, b Shinde	20
Adhikari, c Asgar Ali b Sohoni	28
Gul Mohammad, st. Doctor, b Palia	2
Phadkar batting	20
Saeed Ahmed, b Palia	22
Amir Elahi, batting	0
Extras	16
Total (for 8 wickets)	291

FALL OF WICKETS:—1/125, 2/145, 3/147, 4/201, 5/215, 6/218, 7/243 and 8/285.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sohoni	14	1	48	1
Palia	34	14	42	3
Rangachari	18	3	48	0
Ram Singh	15	3	34	2
Shinde	36	7	105	2

IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Dr. Jhirad At The Women's Conference

Mrs. K. Bharucha and Mrs. Madgaonkar were declared elected as the President and Vice-President of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council at the third sitting of the women in Trade, Industries and Professions Conference on Tuesday, at the Convocation Hall.

In the Morning Session, discussion on New Careers for women was concluded. Dr. Miss Gonzalves, Miss Surveyor and Usha Desai spoke on Research, Banking and Engineering respectively.

Medical and Health Services were taken up for discussion in the afternoon session presided over by Dr. Miss Jhirad. Miss Pooviah, Matron of the Maternaty Sanatorium, read an interesting paper on the Nursing profession. Lively discussion followed after Drs. B. B. Yodh and B. C. Das Gupta's enlightening speeches on Present Day Medical and Public Health Services.

Giving a brief sketch of the women's movement in Medical line, Dr. Miss Jhirad observed, "Preventive Medicine is the watchword for the future of India's health" and added that, woman with her protective and organisational instincts was ideally suited to play her part in, this important line which would help to lessen the suffering of humanity. Dr. Jhirad also stressed the urgent necessity of launching a health movement and carrying it over into the rural areas.

To-day also there will be two sessions, which will conclude the Conference

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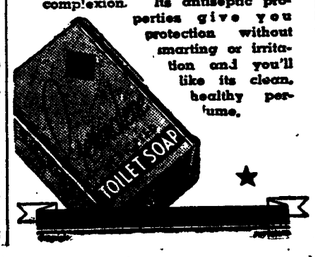

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 19. (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on Feb. 19, 1946:—

Allahabad 81 56 0 1.0 minus 1.0, BOMBAY 97 74 0 0.4 minus 0.4, Calcutta 92 65 0 0 minus 2.1, Cawnpore 81 56 0 0.2 minus 1.5, Delhi 79 52 0 0 minus 2.1, Karachi 87 62 0 0.1 minus 1.0, Lahore 82 54 0 0.1 minus 2.2, Lucknow 80 57 0 0.1 minus 1.7, Madras 87 71 0 17.4 minus 3.7, Mysore 84 68 0 3.0 minus 0.4, Nagpur 86 61 0 1.0 minus 1.1, Patna 72 57 0.2 0.4 minus 1.3, Peshawar 75 47 0 2.1 minus 4, Poona 91 61 0 0.2 minus 1.2, Shillong 70 45 0.1 1.9 minus 1.2, Sholapur 91 64 0 0.1 minus 1.9, Simla 59 41 5.7 minus 0.7, Srinagar 62 38 0 2.4 minus 4.5.

Following is the daily weather summary for Tuesday, Feb. 19:—A low pressure area is approaching Baluchistan. Widespread light thundershowers have fallen in Bihar and in North and South-West Bengal with local falls in Chota Nagpur. A few falls have been reported from Assam and the North-East Frontier Province.

Forecast until the 20th evening:—Local falls of rain or snow will occur in Kashmir and the North-West Frontier Province. Local thundershowers will occur in East and North Bengal and Assam & isolated thundershowers are likely in South Malabar.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

And this for comfort thou must know,
Times that are ill won't still be so;
Clouds will not ever pour down rain;
A sullen day will clear again.
—Herrick.

The Bombay Chronicle

FREE THE PRESS

The fifth session of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, held at Allahabad during the week-end, was the first to be held after the war, and as such looked forward to greater achievements by the Indian Press than were possible so far. The conditions under which the Press works in a subject country are necessarily hard. They were particularly hard during the war. Indeed, as pointed out by the retiring President of the Conference, it was to defend the Press against the assaults of a Government that sought to "control, muzzle and humiliate" it that "the entire Press of India, irrespective of its political affiliations, presented a united front and succeeded in preserving its liberties to the extent it was possible to preserve under the existing totalitarian system of Government". In spite of its handicaps, however, the Conference has grown into a power to be reckoned with by Government and has evolved a practice according to which Government must consult the Conference before taking action against any newspaper. Government has agreed to continue the practice despite the close of the war and we feel sure that under a free and popular Government that is expected to be inaugurated very soon the system of press consultation will, in the words of the retiring President, not only "enable the Press to maintain its liberties and enlarge its power and influence but will also help Government in their effort to advance the bounds of knowledge, happiness and progress of the people".

Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, the new President, rightly suggests that even before a popular Government comes the Indian press must be made free in the interests of all concerned. His main specific suggestions are: The war emergency legislation affecting the Press must go at once and without any reservation; such pre-war legislation as the Press Act and the Princes' Protection Act should be repealed, the laws relating to sedition and contempt of court should be suitably amended so as to bring the Press legislation in India in a line with that in Britain and America and other democratic countries; security deposits from newspapers and periodicals under the war-time ordinances or the Press Emergency Powers Act should be returned at once; all operations of the war-time ordinances should be declared null and void, the ban, wherever it might exist, on the publication of newspapers, articles, books or political writings should be lifted; and, finally, prosecutions of newspapers and periodicals should not be launched without consultation with the local Press Advisory Committee. These are in no sense radical suggestions and by accepting them Government will help itself, the Press and the public alike.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who inaugurated the Allahabad session, pertinently warned it against some internal dangers. He warned it against the Indian Press being too commercialised, against big combines starting a chain of papers and dictating policies detrimental to the interests of the country. He feared that due to these big combines newspapers would lose their individuality. This feature is common even in free and democratic countries like Britain and America. But Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh feels confident that "if we take timely action all together and in a team spirit we can save Indian journalism from the fate that has overtaken American journalism which has come to be largely controlled by newspaper trusts and cartels". In taking such action the A. I. N. E. Conference can and should take the lead. Much good can also be done in this direction by well organised Journalists' Unions. If the Unions and other Press associations see to it that the service conditions of journalists are decent and if the public are taught by leaders to value freedom of speech as the very essence of true political freedom, the Indian Press will, we have no doubt, give an excellent account of itself in maintaining the best traditions of the Press.

Frankly Speaking

Belgian Elections

The results of the general election in Belgium constitute, in one respect, something of a surprise. Till very recently it was anticipated by observers that they will show a big and decisive swing to the Left. This has not happened. The Left parties, namely, the Socialists and Communists, have undoubtedly scored gains. But it is the Catholic Party, calling itself Christian Socialist, that has emerged at the top with only too short of the Socialist-Communist total. The Catholic Party was the Opposition to the Socialist Government of M. Van Acker, which has now resigned. It is also pro-Leopold. In the new Chamber there will be a virtual tie between the Left and the Catholics with the Liberals, who have lost all round, holding the balance. It is an intriguing situation, and disappointing, too.

Fascism In Spain

It is easy to stage any kind of demonstration representing any type of people in a dictatorship. A hint or an instruction to the proper quarters and the thing is done. We are, therefore, not surprised that two to three thousand students demonstrated in Madrid in favour of General Franco. Two things are, however, interesting. The fact that the students demonstrated against Royalists and supporters of the Pretender shows that Franco has taken his decision and rejected all compromise with Don Juan. That is of no consequence to the democratic world. But what is even more noteworthy is that the demonstrators—inspired, we repeat, by General Franco and his lieutenants—came out openly not only for Franco and against Communism but also in favour of the Falange and Fascism. The significance of this Franco-inspired declaration is clear and challenging. And we cannot see how the democracies can manage to ignore it any longer. The time has come when the Caudillo should be forced to return Spain to Republicanism.

Killearn's Transfer

Beyond the fact that charging their special commissioner with "the special task of urgent investigation of the food situation and taking prompt action" shows that the British Government has become aware of the food crisis, nothing much can be said, at this stage, about the appointment of Lord Killearn to the post. We shall have to wait and see what "prompt action" he takes after "urgent investigation" and when. But it can already be said that the British Government has definitely shown wisdom in transferring Lord Killearn from Egypt. He was far from popular there because it was well-known to an irritated people that Lord Killearn invariably tried to dominate and dictate to the King and Cabinet in Egypt. The transfer of Lord Killearn represents, let us hope, a gesture by the British Government and an acknowledgment of the essential justice of the demand that Britain shall now quit Egypt and cease to be the dominant power that she has so long been. Egypt has made up her mind to be free and independent without any delay and if the British possess any statesmanship they will give up their domination and win the friendship of Egypt. Otherwise they will lose both and that too very soon.

Manchurian Confusion

Confusion has marked the situation in Manchuria from the very beginning of the Japanese collapse and surrender. The province was liberated by the Russians, who have an important stake in it in the shape of Port Arthur and Dairen. And it immediately became the bone of contention between the Kuomintang and the Communists. Each rushed to occupy it. The result was a clash which later assumed serious proportions. The fighting subsided later but the anomalous position of Manchuria remained. Now, despite the Nationalist-Communist truce and a great measure of national agreement as to the political and constitutional future of China, the Manchurian confusion has suddenly become worse confounded with the flare-up of military clashes between Nationalist and Communist forces. What exactly has happened and how and why is all unknown. But there is a report that for the first time foreign journalists have just been allowed to enter Manchuria. Although their visit appears to be confined to Mukden and limited to five days, it is to be hoped that the correspondents will, nevertheless be able to throw some light on the situation.

NEW A.-I. EDITORS' EXECUTIVE

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): The following members were elected to the new Standing Committee of the A. I. N. E. C:

Mr. S. A. Brelvi (Bombay Chronicle, Bombay), Sir Francis Low (Times of India, Bombay), Messrs. Kasturi Srinivasan (Hindu, Madras), S. L. Karandikar (Kesari, Poona), A. D. Mani (Chitavada, Nagpur), W. C. Wordsworth (Statesman, Calcutta), K. Rama Rao (National Herald, Lucknow), K. Puniah (Sind Observer, Karachi), J. C. Himker (Kagriti, Calcutta), B. Sen Gupta (United Press of India), Devadas Gandhi (Hindustan Times, New Delhi), Amritlal D. Seth (Janmabhoomi, Bombay), J. N. Sahni (National Call, New Delhi), K. Srinivasan (Commercial India, Bombay), A. S. Bharatan (Associated Press of India), C. R. Srinivasan (Swadesh Mitran, Madras), H. R. Moharay (Samyukta Karnatak, Hubli), J. Alva (Forum, Bombay), B. P. Misra (Bharat, Allahabad), Bishambhar Nath Pande (Viswani, Allahabad) and P. K. Sen (Amrita Bazar Patrika, Allahabad).

INDIA'S DELEGATES TO EMPIRE PRESS CONFERENCE

At a meeting of the Indian Section of the Empire Press Union held at Allahabad it was decided that the following delegates should officially represent India at the conference of the Empire Press Union to be held in London in June:

Sir Francis Low (Times of India) Chairman Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh (Amrit Bazar Patrika), Mr. Kasturi Srinivasan (Hindu), Mr. S. A Brelvi (Bombay Chronicle), Mr. C. R. Srinivasan (Swadesh Mitran).

Asiatic Press Conference

Indian Editors' Move To Build For World Peace

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.)—The following are some of the resolutions passed by the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference which met here on February 16 and 17:—

1. This Conference approves of the decision to continue the Consultative Machinery and desires that Provincial Press Advisory Committees should function in all Provinces in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. This Conference further welcomes Government's willingness to enlarge the scope and functions of those Committees.

ASIATIC PRESS CONFERENCE

2. This Conference is of opinion that in the interests of world peace and freedom of news, there should be closer co-operation among the Press in all countries and as a preliminary step for the achievement of this object, it authorises the Standing Committee to invite the editors of newspapers in all Asiatic countries for a Conference in India at an early date.

3. This Conference notes with regret and disappointment Government's reply to the resolution passed at the last session asking for the repeal of ordinary and special laws, restricting the freedom of the press and urges upon the Government the need for appointing a committee, including representatives of the Press, to review the enactments and to recommend their repeal, amendment or alteration, so as to bring the permanent law of the country in line with the laws of other free and democratic countries.

MENACE TO FREEDOM OF PRESS

4. The A.I.N.E.C. deplores the wanton hooligan attack on the "People's Age" printing press in Bombay and destruction of machinery, books, etc. It is emphatically of the opinion that such attacks constitute a big menace to the freedom of the press and the democratic rights of the people.

(5) The A.I.N.E.C. is of opinion that, in the future Constitution of India, a specific declaration for the freedom of the press capable of being enforced in courts of law should be included in the Declaration of Fundamental Rights.

(6) The Conference deplores the attitude of the authorities in denying facilities to Mr. H. N. Ghoshal of 'Peoples Age' and Mr. Benoy Roy of 'New Orissa' to proceed to Burma for reporting political and economic conditions there. It holds that press correspondents should be entitled irrespective of their political views to full facilities to proceed abroad for such assignments. It authorised the President to take up the matter further with the Government of India with a view to prevent such discrimination in future.

(7) The Conference is of opinion that steps should be taken to evolve a code of professional conduct of journalists. It appoints for this purpose the following Sub-Committee: Sir Francis Low, Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Mr. Amritlal Seth, Mr. K. Srinivasan, Mr. Y. K. Khadilkar and Mr. A. D. Mani to go into the matter and ascertain opinion on the subject from the provincial branches of the Conference. It instructs the Sub-Committee to submit its recommendations to the Standing Committee for necessary action.

(8) The Conference is of opinion that there should be no discrimination between correspondents accredited to the Government of India and requests the Standing Committee to take necessary steps to secure the application of an uniform standard in regard to extension of facilities to correspondents accredited to the Government of India.

(9) The Conference views with grave concern the prosecution and conviction for sedition of Mr. Vidyarthi, editor of Colonial "Times of Nairobi", arising out of Mr. Sohand's article entitled 'British Belsen' enumerating the excesses committed by the police in India. It requests the Government of India to intervene in the matter and see that the sentence is remitted.

(10) As the war emergency has practically ceased, this Conference is of the view that the continuance of the controls in regard to publication of newspapers, supply of newsprint, import of machinery and grant of foreign exchange constitute an unnecessary interference with the rights of the press and the administration of these controls gives room for serious complaints of discrimination, favouritism and corruption. The Conference therefore urges the Government to remove these controls and give full scope to the press for its legitimate growth.

A condolence resolution of the death of Babu Kalinath Roy, Mr Ogale and Mr. M. Krishna Rao was also passed.

Scarcity In Bijapur District

BOMBAY, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): The Government of Bombay has declared the existence of scarcity conditions in 155 more villages in Bijapur District, from February 18.

Russia Opposed India's Presence At Peace Conference

External Affairs Secretary Throws Light On Moscow Meeting Of Foreign Ministers

NEW DELHI, February 19. (A.P.I.): The External Affairs Secretary, Mr. Weightman, said in the Assembly in reply to Prof. Ranga (Congress) that no question affecting Indian interests in the Indian Ocean area arose at the second Foreign Ministers' Conference held in Moscow in December 1945.

IN PACIFIC AREA

"But H. M. G. have, at the instance of the Government of India, secured that Indians interests in the Pacific area shall be safeguarded by the inclusion of a representative of India in the Far Eastern Commission and of a member representing the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and India in the Allied Council for Japan. The latter will be assisted by Advisers appointed by the Government of India".

The Government of India, said Mr. Weightman, had examined the "communique" issued after the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Moscow in December, 1945, but found no reference in it to acceptance of India as one of the members of a proposed world organisation.

Replying to supplementaries, Mr. Weightman said that India's participation in the Peace Conference was accepted at the Moscow Conference and India would sign peace treaties with the enemy countries.

Mr. Neogy: Is it a fact that Russia took exception to India's participation in the Peace Conference on the ground that India was not free to conduct her foreign relations?

Answer: I believe that is so.

Prof. Ranga: Is India completely free to act at the Peace Conference in the interests of India and independently of the other delegates of the British Empire?

Ans: Yes.

Mr. Neogy: When the External Affairs Secretary said that India was free to take any action she chose at the Peace Conference, did he mean the Government of India as at present constituted?

Ans: The Government of India at the time of the signing of the peace treaties.

Mr. Neogy: Do I take it that the Secretary of State for India and H. M. G. have agreed to relax their control over India in so far as India's position at the Peace Conference is concerned?

Ans: I do not think the question has arisen.

The Indian delegate to the U. N. O., said Mr. Weightman in reply to other supplementaries, was instructed by the Government of India and not by anybody else.

Replying to Mr. Manu Subedar, Mr. A. A. Waugh, Supply Member, said that twelve enamel ware factories were in production in India during the war. Due to reduction in demands, some outstanding orders with these factories were cancelled by the Government of India.

The Supply Member said that since the war no orders had been placed in the U. K.

Replying to Mr. Manu Subedar the Supply Member said that the quantity of surplus steel was estimated after V-J Day to be 370,000 tons. This was lying partly with fabricators and partly with the Government of India.

"Cooly"-Gentleman

During a supplementary on a question relating to licenced coolies on railway stations, a member asked if the expression cooly was Parliamentary.

Lt.-Col. Chatterjee, who was asking the supplementary: I am prepared to call him a gentleman who are forced to carry luggage. Is it a fact that these gentlemen who are forced to carry luggage (more laughter) and recruited by contractors are forced to pay four annas a day out of their earnings to contractors?

Sir Edward Benthall: These gentlemen who are privileged to carry luggage pay on certain railways two annas per day to the contractor, who in return has to provide uniform, etc., for them.

Col. Chatterjee asked if in Delhi it was not two but four annas.

Sir Edward said he welcomed the opportunity provided by the question to go into the question of coolies both from the point of view of the system as a whole as also of introducing uniformity throughout railways and finally from the point of view of providing employment to discharged personnel.

CO-OP- LIFE SOCIETIES EXEMPTED

Insurance Bill In Assembly

The Assembly to-day discussed the Insurance Bill as reported upon by the Select Committee.

By 39 votes to 38, the House passed an amendment moved by Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar (Congress) seeking to continue the exemption in favour of Co-operative Life Insurance Societies to transact business without any limit on the amount.

Among those who took part in the debate on the various clauses were Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Mr. Satakopachari, Mr. K. C. Neogy, Mr. Gadgil, Mr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqui, Mr. Gwilt, Mr. Chapman-Mortimer, Sir Azizul Haque, Commerce Member, and Mr. Vaidyanathan, Superintendent of Insurance. There was a lengthy discussion on Clause 20 of the Bill which seeks to give the option to a policy-holder to exempt his policy from the operation of the Married Women's Property Act.

The debate had not concluded, when the House rose for the day.

ADJOURNMENT RULED OUT

Higher agricultural prices as a means of encouraging the production of more food crops were suggested in an adjournment motion for which Mr. Venkatasubba Reddiar (Congress) sought to leave in the Assembly to-day.

The Chair remarked that remunerative prices were different from higher prices. If the object was to censure Government, the President added, it was not going to help the food situation. He held the motion out of order.

BATTLE OVER BRETTON WOODS PLAN

Report Of Committee To Come Before Assembly On Saturday

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19.

When the Finance Member informed the Central Legislative Assembly to-day that he would be able to present the report of the Bretton Woods Committee of the House on Thursday and that Saturday should be fixed for the discussion of the report Mr. Manu Subedar, representing the opposition, pointed out that it might not be possible to present the report on Thursday. He reiterated that with every desire to co-operate in an early discussion on this subject on the part of the members of the opposition Government ought not to try and rush this issue, as the points against which the Committee had run up were of stupendous importance to this country. There were important matters in comparison with which the question of the presence of a representative of India at the preliminary meeting of the shareholders paled into insignificance. There were matters which could not be disclosed to the House at the moment but on which there could not be any difference of opinion between Indian members of the House or any Indian section of the population outside the House. The members of the various groups in the Assembly were talking among themselves and with members of other groups and there were certain negotiations going on with Government the absence of certain leaders outside Delhi was also a factor and the opposition would not like to be forced into a hurried decision over such matters.

The Finance Member said that for the discussion of matters referred to by Mr. Manu Subedar he was prepared to give a day and he pleaded that in the preliminary discussion the issue of sending the representative to Bretton Woods alone may be disposed off.

Whether the Assembly will discuss this matter on Saturday next or not will be ascertained on Thursday by the President.

From Lobby talks it was ascertained that the Indian members of the Committee have been pressing for an assurance that certain clauses of the Anglo-American Loan Agreement which are prejudicial to India shall not be applied to India and that His Majesty's Government having taken without consent goods required from this country and having paid for them with sterling for the repayment of which they are not willing to negotiate at present will at least make a statement or give an assurance that they would honour these debts in full.

Further irritant to the Indian side is the continued abuse of the mechanism of the law of the Reserve Bank and Section 41 thereof by which the Reserve Bank is called upon to give rupees whenever sterling is tendered. It is felt that it is agrave wrong to still effect purchase in the same manner as during the war and to pay for such purchases by means of sterling while Government is refusing to stop the process further of adding to such sterling debts, that is to say, taking commodities from India and paying for them by sterling paper which is tantamount to no real payment at all.

Under the circumstances the hesitation in the minds of Indian members in regard to Bretton Woods commitments of a further 260 crores is fully justifiable.

It was freely discussed in the Lobby that the amount of sterling accumulations is 25 per cent bigger than the amount of the Anglo-American loan and that India being a bigger creditor, the treatment of India at the hands of His Majesty's Government was very shabby. It was further pointed out that in rupees the amount equalled to seventeen years' nett income of the Centre, that is to say seventeen budgets of the Government of India rolled into one.

Interesting developments may be expected over the week-end on this issue when some of the leaders, who are not in Delhi now, return.

COUNCIL OF STATE

I. N. A. Men's Release Demand Turned Down

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): The Council of State to-day rejected by 23 votes to 13 Mr. V .V. Kalikkar's resolution recommending the withdrawal of the pending I.N.A. trials and the unconditional release of the I.N.A. officers and men.

Mr. Kalikkar was supported by Mr. Thirumal Rau, Pandit H. N. Kunzru, Mr. Susil Kumar Roy Choudhury, Mr. Mohammed Padshah, Sir N. Gopalaswami Iyengar, and Sardar Surput Singh. The motion was opposed by Brigadier Sir Hissamuddin.

The C-in-C General Sir Claude Auchinleck gave an exposition of Government's policy.

"Our policy" he said, "has been to prove the principle that it is not open to a soldier to change his allegiance on account of his political views. But having proved that principle, Government decided in view of the circumstances, to extend mercy to those convicted of this offence and of no other, and to limit their punishment to cashiering or dismissal, with forfeiture of certain pay and allowances.

"To go further and condone acts of gross brutality would in my opinion be utterly wrong in itself and would be most unfair to those who suffered so cruelly at the hands of those who are to be tried."

His Excellency reminded the house that the C.-in-C was responsible for the welfare and contentment of the whole Army, including those who remained steadfast to their allegiance under great provocation and pressure. "No Commander can carry out these duties efficiently unless he has the full confidence and trust of those under his command. He cannot hope to retain their confidence or to ensure the maintenance of discipline unless he is prepared to protect them against wrong".

RELEASE ISSUE.

Referring to the demand for unconditional release of those who joined the I.N.A. the C-in-C said:

It has been announced elsewhere that of the total of about 20,000 Indian Army men who joined the I.N.A. about 11,000 have already been released. There are some 5,000 undergoing interrogation, about 3,000 expected from overseas and a number still untraced.

"We hope to complete the examination and release of the remainder during the next six weeks. For various reasons one of which is the obstinate attitude of some of the prisoners, it will probably now take more than six weeks, and instead of having released them all by April 1, as we had hoped, the most I can say is that we think there will be very few, and I hope none, by May 1."

WHAT ABOUT ASHTI AND CHIMUR?

Mr. Thirumala Rau (Congress) welcomed "the conciliatory tone" of the C-in-C's speech but maintained that there was another side to the picture. The issue was not merely one of brutality. Talking of 'brutalities' he would ask what did Government do to punish the brutalities committed in Chimur and Ashti "Please do not become suddenly judicial minded", he said, adding: "The trial of the first three men created a stir in every nook and corner of the country. Even officers and men in the army had collected funds for the I.N.A. defence". He urged the immediate release of all officers and men.

Replying to the points raised in the course of the debate, Gen. Auchinleck said that he realised as well as anybody in the House the state of feelings in the country in the matter. "I know" he said "how deeply emotion has been stirred and how widespread it is. We are now in danger of submering all moral values in emotion. Nobody can be more desirous than myself to create an atmosphere in which the coming negotiations should result in an Independent Government and nobody can wish more than I that the atmosphere should be without bitterness and there should be cooperation on all sides".

The C-in-C said that he was not influenced at all by any communal motives in regard to the trial of Abdul Rashid.

INDIA AND DOLLAR POOL

The Council of State to-day negatived by 22 votes to 14 Mr. G. S. Motilal's (Congress) resolution recommending to the Government to take steps for the restoration to India of her contribution to the Empire Dollar Pool and her disassociation from it.

Sir Cyril Jones, Secretary, Finance Department, considered the resolution premature and contrary to Indian interests. He explained that there was nothing new in the Empire Dollar Pool but that it was a continuation of the Central Empire Reserve Pool in London which was the clearing house for all sterling area countries. The Government of India, he said, were making a combined effort in cooperation with H.M.G. the Bank of England and the Reserve Bank of India to draw a picture of how India had been affected by the working of the Empire Dollar Pool.

The Empire Dollar Pool, the Finance Secretary said, was but a name given to the method of working in the Sterling Area. That method had been in existence for nearly a century. The arrangement was never intended to be permanent and it was in the common interest of U. K. U. S. A. and other countries that the Pool should be dissolved at the earliest possible moment.

The balance of trade between India and the U.S.A. for the last two years was running against India and India was now benefitting from her contributions to the Pool. To withdraw from the pool at present would mean that the Reserve Bank would have to build up adequate reserves in New York, which itself would take considerable time, and also build up reserves in other capitals of the world. That would be a wasteful expenditure.

ANGLO-U.S. LOAN AGREEMENT.

Sir Cyril Jones referred to the Anglo-American Financial Agreement which was subject to the ratification by the U.S. Congress and said that in a matter of months India would be negotiating with U. K. for a settlement of the sterling balances. Representatives of major political parties in India would be associated in the discussions and it would be then the time to present India's demands.

FOREIGN TOILET GOODS.

Toilet goods worth Rs. 1.41.00 000 were imported into India from the U. K. and U.S.A. in 1945. Imports from 1946 would be approximately 1.68.00.000.

This was stated by Mr. M. W. M. Yeatts, Joint Secretary, Supply Department, in reply to Mr. G. S. Motilal in the Council of State.

Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh asked whether Government's attention had been drawn to a letter signed Ravinder Nath Seth, former R.I.A.F. officer, published in the "Hindustan Times", stating that he had to resign his commission as a protest against racial discrimination and colour prejudice prevailing in the R. I. A. F.

The Commander-in-Chief said that there could be no question of racial discrimination or colour prejudice prevailing in the R.I.A.F. as it was a wholly Indian force. The only British officers or other ranks serving with it were on attachment and were limited to the small numbers necessary to ensure its proper development.

A Post-War Pay Committee had just been appointed to consider the future pay of the Indian defence services and its consideration would include the question of family allowances.

The House adjourned till Thursday.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

BATAVIA, Feb. 18. (Reuter): About a dozen cases of violent assault on Indonesians by Netherlands forces have occurred in Batavia during the past week, according to reliable reports. Some assaults, it is stated, have resulted in mutilation.

The reports add that British troops in one district have protested and the matter is said to be receiving the attention of Lieut.-General Sir Montague Stopford, the Allied Commander in the Netherlands East Indies.

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The War Transport Member, says a Press summary, promised sleeping accommodation for Inter and Third class passengers, as also greater privacy, more room and greater seating comfort.

For those who will live to enjoy them in 1966 or thereabout.

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According to an American writer; Japan lost the war, but her slogan of "Asia for the Asiatics" appears to have won.

Most of the Democracies are, therefore, naturally disappointed at the incompleteness of the Victory over the forces of Evil and Dictatorship.

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"It is the patriotic duty of every one to adopt such measures as would relax the maximum quantities of grain for areas in short supply."—Sir Akbar Hydari.

Thus, we hope, it obviously exempts the I. C. S. and sister services.

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Harness Nature's Bounties To Combat Famine, says Gandhiji.

—Headline.

The most magnificent of the bounties of nature that India possesses is divinely ordained British trusteeship. But how to harness it?

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Muslim League candidates had been successful wherever they had stood for election, both for the Central and Provincial legislatures and this resounding success must convince anybody that a so-called League defeat was to be found nowhere except in the fiction of the brains of some—Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

"The fiction of the brains of some" is certainly a classic.

But if you think the Qaid-e-Azam was wrong because of 38 Leaguers who stood in the N. W. F. P. seventeen won and twenty-one lost then you are simply a "fiction of the brains of some".

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A Nagpur Muslim League leader has patriotically discovered that the British Government in India was alienating the goodwill of the people of this country by following a policy of discrimination between Hindus and Muslims as shown in I. N. A. trials at Delhi.

So Shah Nawaz, for instance, is a Hindu? We didn't know, but, of course, we ought to have known, oughtn't we?

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At a farewell meeting at Government House, Calcutta journalists greeted Mr. R. G. Casey with "Jai Hind". And, runs the report, "Jai Hind" returned Mr. Casey.

Muslim Leaguers shouldn't however, take offence. After all the man has already left Bengal.

But they should warn Frederick Burrows hinting at a possible refusal to lunch with him in case.....

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Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah apropos of the food situation: "We must look on India as our India and put up with all inconveniences..."

That's really splendid of him.

But he will have to explain that "our Ind'a".

Jaiprakash Narain's Health "Fairly Good"

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

Mrs. Prabhavati Jaiprakash Narain broke her journey from Agra to Bihar to-day. She had been to Agra for the periodical interview with her husband. She told me that Jaiprakash Narain is in fairly good health and has neither any interest in nor any information about his release. He told her that he had met Government of India's Home Member recently. His main occupation at present was gardening and reading. He has reared quite a large flower in his cell.

Mrs. Asaf Ali Supports R.I.N. Strikers' Demand

Plea To Congress, Labour And Student Organisations To Lend Moral Support

BOMBAY, Feb. 19 (A.P.I.): Mrs. Asaf Ali, commenting on the Royal Indian Naval ratings' strike, urges the strikers not to permit "unco-ordinated and spontaneous action to mar the otherwise disciplined move they have made for the removal of their grievances."

She says: "Almost 15,000 naval ratings of the R.I.N. units in Bombay have struck work and refused to eat canteen food since Sunday evening. Their demands are essentially legitimate. They have insisted that the inequalities in the scale of pay, allowances and food as between the R.I.N. and R.N. should cease. They have protested against the appointment of British officers and their insulting and insufferable behaviour towards the Indian personnel in the Navy. These service conditions and economic demands are quite naturally not unaffected by the high tension political climate of today. At least young Indians in the services are no longer prepared to submit sheepishly to the hectoring and swearing of their British rulers.

Be that as it may, I earnestly hope that the strikers will not permit un-co-ordinated and spontaneous action to mar the otherwise disciplined move they have made for the removal of their grievances.

Solidarity and discipline are the first essentials of success in an collective action of this nature. They must formulate their demands precisely and conduct their struggle with dignity. Care should be taken to eschew injury to person or property in this action. The naval ratings must conduct negotiations through their respective ship committees, viz., their Central Naval Strike Committee. The naval authorities should note that.

NEED OF SUPPORT.

At the instance of the representatives of the strikers, I am giving them this advice. I am sure that the Congress and the Labour and the student organisations of Bombay will extend their moral support to their legitimate demands.

It is the first occasion when such an overwhelming number of the Indian seamen have undertaken collective action with such effects. Firmness, discipline and unity on the part of the strikers and the pressure of public opinion should result in a successful conclusion of this spontaneous strike.

Acquitted Of Breach Of Cloth Control Order

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Sakalchand G. Shah, Mr. Nagindas G. Shah and Mr. Hiralal G. Shah, who were arrested for breaches of the Cloth Control and Yarn Order, were discharged today by Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Explanade Police Court.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, who appeared for the prosecution, told the court that the Government's sanction to launch the prosecution was faulty and required amendment. He applied for discharge of the accused.

Mr. F. J. Coltman instructed by Sakalchand G. Shah and Ramanlal and Hematlal, Solicitors, appeared for the accused.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD Feb. 19.

Erratic and irregular fluctuations in Arvind on gossips of earnings were the main feature today. Though mills tried to sustain the levels yet after official announcement there lacked enthusiasm for buying and heavy selling upset the prices of Arvind. Calico and other shares followed sympathetically official figures of earnings of Kasturbai Group Mills.

Closing quotations:—Calico 1382, Arvind 1385, Ambika 466, Jupiter 358, Marsdan 190, Monogram 158, Differed 2799, Arvodaya Spinning 380, Ashok 627/8/0, Old Commercial 525, New Cotton 480, New National 432/8/0, Morris 120/8/0, Lal Mills 375, Vivekanand 220.

TRI-COLOUR ON INDIAN SHIPS

R. I. N. Strikers Replace Union Jack: Demands Of Ratings

National Flags were hoisted on all Indian ships in place of Union Jacks and White Ensigns by R.I.N. strikers.

Following, it is understood, are the demands of R.I.N. ratings:—

FOOD:—We are from all parts of India. The staple food of some of us is rice and others wheat. Therefore, we demand two mess systems one for rice and one for wheat. Rice consumers must be provided with rice twice a day, and for wheat consumers twice with proper curry.

LEAVE:—(a) As a temporary measure leave was reduced during war to one month and further twenty-four days per year. We demand immediate increasement of leave two months per year.

(b) We demand compensation in money for the reduced leave during war time. Leave must be given at proper due time

(c) We demand compensation in money for the leave period which the ratings were not allowed to avail for want of relief.

(d) We demand 2nd Class Passage for P.O.'s, Inter Class for all ratings below P.O.'s.

Rationing arrangements are to be made for the perior of leave or Ration Cards to be provided in lieu when proceeding on leave.

PAY:—(a) No attempt should be made in reduction pay.

(b) Marriage allowances should be granted to all naval married personnel.

(c) All married personnel should be provided with family quarters in every part of India.

(d) Expatriation allowance which already been cancelled is to be re-introduced.

JUSTICE:—(a) We demand the right to argue to defend ourselves when we are faced with any charges against us.

(b) Treatment according to regulations 'MY SHIP MY ORDER' right should be repealed from Commanding Officers of H.M.I. Ships. A routine fixed under consultations of ratings should be performed throughout. No work other than Naval job should be given, viz. Road-making, digging the soil, carrying Officers' luggage, etc.

(c) Officers should not be allowed to abuse ratings or use blasphemous as recently occurred in H.M.I.S. "Talwar". The ratings put in cell for functioning against the above incident in 'Talwar' are to be set free forthwith.

CLOTHING:—We should be allowed to purchase 12 yards of cloth quarterly. The rest of the articles are to be provided as in R.N.

RELEASE & RESETTLEMENT:—(a) Ratings in demobilisation Centre should be given complete rest.

(b) Immediate steps are to be taken to employ released men. Kit should not be collected back from the ratings going on release.

OFFICERS:—(a) No Officers from R.N. should be transferred to R.I.N.

(b) Release of all Indian Officers who wish to serve any longer should be suspended until enough number of Indian cadets are trained.

(c) Officer cadets should be trained in India on and at the expense of the Indian Government.

Thus more chances should offered to every class of people for becoming cadets.

I.N.A.:—Capt. Abdur Rashid and remaining I.N.A. members under British custody for trial are to be released forthwith.

All political detainees are to be set free without any delay.

TRAINER SUES TURF CLUB

Rs. 31½ Lakhs Claimed As Damages

It is learnt that the well-known trainer of race-horses Alex Higgins has filed a suit against Royal Western India Turf Club and others claiming Rs. 31,50,000 (31½ lakhs) by way of damages for wrongfully warning him off and wrongfully withdrawing his license as trainer.

Bail Reduced In Alleged Doping Case

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The bail amount demanded of Bhola Mathabik, riding boy, and Jamedar Nabibux, in the sum of Rs. 10,000 each, was reduced to Rs. 2,500 and with one surety by Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Explanade Police Court, to-day.

It will be recalled that a revisional application was made before the High Court on behalf of the above accused who had been arrested by the C.I.D. for alleged doping of four race horses and who had been ordered by the C.P.M. to be released on a bail of Rs. 10,000 each with two sureties to the like amount, or in default to remain in police custody till Feb. 26. The High Court referred the matter back to the C.P.M. for reconsideration of the bail order on Monday.

Mr. Kanuga, who appeared for the accused, said that the accused had received ill-treatment while in jail custody and that one of the accused was even assaulted by the authorities. The Magistrate explained this away by saying that the police were handling a case like this for the first time.

If the accused fail to furnish the said bail amount, they will remain under Magistrate's custody.

TOWARDS UNITED FRONT IN INDIA

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Assembly to frame the future constitution of India, well and good. The Congress will welcome such solution of the Indo-British problem through peaceful means. It would be futile to look for precedents in history. The world has changed beyond recognition and a new chapter of human history is in the making. We are living on the threshold of a new world, and I believe that in the changed circumstances of to-day, such a peaceful solution is not beyond the range of possibility.

THE ALTERNATIVE.

The alternative is also clearly realised by the Congress. If the British Government fail to honour the September declaration in letter and in spirit the Congress will consider the necessary steps for a final and decisive struggle. Let there be no misunderstanding on the point. The Congress decision to wait and watch should not be construed as unwillingness to fight. When the situation demands, the Congress will issue the call and demand from India the utmost sacrifice for realising its goal of Indian freedom.

One other point must also be stated. If there are any individuals or groups who want to impose a movement on the Congress at a time not chosen by it, I want to tell them with all the emphasis at my command that the Congress will repudiate all such attempts. The Congress leadership has weathered many storms and proved its capacity both for sacrifice and decision. They know when to negotiate, and they also know when to strike.

ISSUE SIMPLIFIED.

To-day, the issue has become simplified and concentrated to the one supreme question of immediate realisation of independence. If that is gained, all other objective are automatically realised. There is an Arabic saying: "If you have got hold of the stem, no other question, however pressing or acute, should be allowed to distract our attention or divide our energies". So long as the Congress decides to wait on events, no attempt should be made to disturb the peaceful atmosphere or create sporadic and disjointed movements. When the time comes, the Congress will give the call for struggle and will expect every Indian to respond to the call. I particularly appeal to the youth of India, who are the vanguard of our freedom movement to realise the wisdom of Congress policy and obey it as disciplined soldiers.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): His Majesty the King has appointed the Hon. Mr. Justice William McCormic Sharpe, to be a judge of the High Court in Calcutta upon the retirement of the Hon. Sir Allan Gerald Russell Hinderson.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19.

The Calcutta Stock Exchange to-day continued its current firmness in all sections and fair business was recorded. Following are to-days final transactions up to 4 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: 3 per cent Victory Bonds 1957 101/12, 3 per cent Loan 1963/65 100/2, 3 per cent Loan 1966/68 99/13, 3 per cent First Development Loan 1970/75 99/3, 3-1/2 per cent Govt. Paper 103/4.

BANKS: Imperial Conty 603, Reserve 157, United Commercial 91/12.

COTTONS: Dunbar 488, Elgin 73/8, Muir 527.

COALS: Bengal 821, Bhalgora 30/1, Central India 13/9, New Manbhoom 58/12, Raneegunge 65/6, Talcher 11/12.

JUTES: Barnagore 452, Champdany 333, Ganges 740, Howrah 122/5, India 945, Kamarhatty 968, Kinnison 528, Kanknarrah 800, National 41/4, Reliance 105/8, Standard 385.

MININGS: Burma Corpn. 8, Ind. Copper Corpn. 4/14.

ENGINEERINGS: Burn 533, Ind. Iron and Steel Ord. 53/14, Bengal Ord 47/1.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 24/11, Dalmia Cement 17/8, Calcutta Electric 40, Br. Ind. Corpn. 9, Br. Ceylon Corpn. 16/11, Calcutta Trams 45/2, B. B Petrol 6/3, Indo. Burma Petrol 123/8, Titaghur Paper 45/11.

SUGARS: Bairampore 17/8, Belsund 16/6, Carew 33/11, Champaran 43/10.

TEAS: Central Cahchar 152/8.—A. 3P.

INDORE SHARES

INDORE, Feb. 19.

Closing quotations:—Indore Malwa 738, Hukamchand 955, Bhandari Mill 996, Vinod Mill 717, Kalyanmal 391, Kalyanmal Pre. 194, Rajkumar 280, Indore Bank 82.

League Leads In The Punjab

LAHORE, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): Eight more Muslim League candidates, two Congressmen, one Unionist and one Panthic Akali have been declared elected to the Punjab Assembly to-day.

Among the successful Muslim League candidates are Mian Iftikharuddin, former President of the Punjab Congress Committee, Mian Bashir Ahmad, a member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, and Mian Nurullah.

The Nawab Sir Allah Baksh Tiwana is the only Unionist candidate elected to-day. The well-known Akali leader Giani Kartar Singh has been returned on the Panthic ticket from Lyallpur West Rural Sikh Constituency. The two Congress candidates elected are Capt. Ranjit Singh from Hissar South General Constituency and Sardar Sujjan Singh from Kasur rural Sikh Constituency.

The following is the latest party position:

Muslim League	27
Congress	25
Unionist Party 12 (with Malik Khizar Hyat returned from two Landholders' Constituencies.)	
Panthic Akali	3
Independent Sikh	1
Anglo-Indian	1

This accounts for 62 seats in House of 175.

AZAD FOR FRONTIER AND PUNJAB

LAHORE, Feb. 19 (A.P.I.): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, is arriving in Lahore on February 26, according to information received in the office of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee.

The Congress President will arrive in Delhi on February 21 and after staying there for two days he will leave for Peshawar on February 23. From Peshawar he will return to Lahore on February 26.

NOMINATED DETENUS TO BE RELEASED

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19 (A.P.I.): Seven security prisoners nominated by the Congress Central Election Board as Congress candidates for the Bengal Legislative Assembly are expected to be released shortly, states the "Hindustan Standard."

As a preliminary step in this direction, understands the paper, the nomination forms of these candidates have been allowed to be taken to the jails and the candidates have forwarded their nomination papers for submission to returning officers today, which is the last date fixed for submission of nominations.

C. P. ELECTION TIME-TABLE

NAGPUR, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): The C. P. Government have announced the dates for polling of votes in various constituencies, General, Urban and Rural, Muslim and Special constituencies. These range from March 25 to April 12 when polling will be completed in connection with the elections to the C. P. Legislative Assembly. Nominations of candidates will start next week in all districts of the Province. Polling of votes in Rural constituencies will be first completed to be followed a week later in Urban seats. In Nagpur dates fixed are April 4 or Rural (General) and April 8 for General Urban. For Muslim seats in Nagpur district polling will be completed between April 2 and 4.

NO ARREST OF SYED PLANNED

KARACHI, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah replying to the statement of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose told Pressmen today that the report that the Government was planning to arrest Mr. G. M. Syed and some members of the Coalition Party was absolutely false and was without foundation.

Mr. G. M. Syed is at present at his village San in Dadu District, where he has convened a conference of the members of the Coalition Party for 23rd February.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BEFORE MISSION'S VISIT

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elected representatives without any reference from outsiders.

"The Constituent Assembly must have unrestricted powers and should decide finally. That Assembly should nominate representatives to meet representatives of the British Government to determine matters of mutual concern involved. In any matter, we may be prepared to refer it to International Arbitration. But the question of Indian Independence cannot be referred to arbitration and will have to be accepted as the basis of conversations and agreement.'

Nehru said that he was convinced that Pakistan, as demanded, was harmful to all concerned and to India as a whole, and was in fact not feasible. Nevertheless, he continued, the Congress had declared that the Indian Federation must consist of willing units and there should be no compulsion.

"The desire of such units or groups to have freedom to fashion their destiny is recognised and hence it has been suggested that the fullest autonomy should be given, subject only to certain essential common subjects, such as defence, foreign affairs, communications, etc. Other common or federal subjects would be optional. Defence was obviously of paramount importance and could not be endangered or else there would be no security or freedom.

PAKISTAN ISSUE

"This arrangement would give 95 per cent Pakistan to an area which wanted it, and as regards the rest, it would be a common joint concern. It would also ensure co-operation and security and planned progress on a rapid scale.

"If, however, some areas still wanted to break away, there would be no compulsion to retain them, but this must be made clear by a plebiscite of those areas on a definite and precise issue. Also no areas can be forced to join a separating area against the will of its people. The question of defence, etc., must also be considered.

"Thus, there is no desire to settle the question of the demand for Pakistan by a mere majority vote of the Constituent Assembly. It is hoped that an agreement will be arrived at then. If not, it is open to areas where the Muslims are in a majority to vote on the issue."

Nehru said that recent elections had shown that 'the feasibility of Pakistan is exceedingly doubtful.' He declared that Assam and the Frontier Province could not belong to it.

'Again, it is not conceivable that Southern Punjab or Western Bengal, including the city of Calcutta, could be a part of Pakistan.

PROVINCIAL VOTE

'In the result,' he continued, 'we have left an area which is incapable of defending itself or of being economically strong enough to endure or progress.'

'In the present provincial elections it may be said that every vote against a Muslim League candidate is a vote against Pakistan', he said. 'But a vote for the League is not necessarily a vote for Pakistan, for Pakistan has not been defined. A vote for a sentimental slogan is not necessarily a vote for something definite which may not be liked and the consequences of it may be obviously undesirable to all concerned."

Nehru conceded that M. A. Jinnah, President of the League, might not accept such a point of view and even disagree with the idea of a plebiscite.

"To oppose a plebiscite indicates that the case is weak and against the wishes of the people concerned", he said. "In any event, the wish of one person or a group cannot be allowed to stand in the way of [illegible] independence and progress."

DUTCH ATROCITIES IN INDONESIA

Indian And British Troops To Take Direct Action

LONDON, Feb. 19. (Reuter): British and Indian troops in Batavia have informed their officers that they intend to take direct action against Dutch troops unless British Army authorities act to prevent Dutch atrocities against Indonesians, according to a dispatch in "the Melbourne Herald" to-day by the paper's correspondent in Batavia.

It was stated that British and Indian troops stationed in "Old Batavia" district alleged that newly arrived Dutch soldiers are carrying out a campaign of racial persecution against Indonesians. The dispatch added that he had been informed that British and Indian troops were seething with indignation and that the army authorities were reported to be instituting inquiries.

CABINET MOVES.

Noel Buckley, Reuter's special correspondent in Batavia, reported today that Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, the Indonesian Premier, accompanied by his entire Cabinet left Batavia for Jogjakarta, seat of the nationalist movement in central Java.

The move is believed to have two main objects: Firstly, to consult with Dr. I. R. Soekarno, the Indonesian "President" on the constitutional proposals brought from Holland over a week ago by Dr. Hubertus Van Mook. Secondly, to confer on a possible Cabinet reshuffle.

TWO JAPS TO HANG FOR ATROCITIES.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Two members of the Japanese Kempeitai (secret police) in Singapore were to-day sentenced to death by the Singapore War Crimes Court after being found guilty on the charges of beating, torturing and causing death of Singapore Chinese civilians.

The men are warrant officer Hirazawa Atsusi and Staff Sergeant Shin Shigetoshi. Private Murata Yoshitaro and Corporal Hase Ryosoku arraigned on similar charges were sentenced to 14 years and five years imprisonment respectively. Staff Sergeant Terada Takao was discharged.

The men condemned to death made pleas for mercy saying that they committed the crimes not on personal grudges but in blind obedience to orders. "I apologise for my crimes", said Atsusi adding "I promise to be a good citizen in future."

CAPITALISTS ALL AT HEART!

KENT, (Ohio), (A.P.A.): Americans are all capitalists at heart, but most of us are just temporarily embarrassed for funds', Raymond K. Moran, Business Administration Instructor at Kent State University, told his students.

"This temporary embarrassment often lasts a life-time", he sadly reminded his class.

Evidence In Puran Singh Trial

DELHI CANT., Feb. 19 (A. P. I.): The cross-examination of Naik Gambar Bahadur, the fiifth prosecution witness was continued to-day before the Fifth I.N.A. Court Martial, trying Jemadar Puran Singh (Gurkha).

Witness cross-examined by Mr. B. Banerji, Defence Counsel.

Witness did not hear a Japanese officer saying that Nepal and Nippon were one and that Gurkhas and the Japanese were of the same race.

Rifleman Pahal Bahadur, the sixth prosecution witness was cross-examined by Mr. B. Banerji.

Questioned by the court witness said that he definitely heard Jemadar Puran Singh giving order to fire.

The seventh Prosecution witness Rifleman Kambe Karki Bahadur said on September 24, 1942, he saw Jamadar Puran Singh beating the followers in Bidadari B. 4 Camp. Puran Singh gave the order to fire.

Witness had not yet finished when the court adjourned till Wednesday.

TRUMAN TO RUN FOR PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (Reuter): President Harry S. Truman will run for the Presidentship in the 1948-elections, Mr. Henry Wallace, Secretary for Commerce and former Vice-President, stated at a press conference to-day at Cleveland (Ohio).

Whitehall's New Deal For India

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I presume, that the Secretary for India will carry with him in his person the authority of the Secretary of State, can we also be assured that in respect of all matters which would normally require Cabinet decision there will be reference to Cabinet authority in London—that is that these three Ministers will not carry with them anything in the nature of Cabinet authority.

"I would also ask whether Parliament will have an opportunity of discussing any developments of policy that may arise out of this visit and may I tell the Prime Minister that, though it is hard to say at present, it may be that we should like to have an opportunity to discuss India before the Ministers leave.

"Finally, and the most important of all, may I ask the Prime Minister to make it clear that the main lines of British policy in respect of India still stand, that is to say that it is the responsibility of Indians and not the Ministers from this country to bring about a Constitution-Making Body.

POWER TO NEGOTIATE

Mr. Attlee: With regard to the first point, it is no use sending out responsible Ministers unless they have a degree of responsibility to act. Clearly, therefore, within the terms laid down by Cabinet decisions those Ministers must be able to act but also of course, on major matters of policy they will refer back for Cabinet decision. But if they are going to negotiate they must have power to negotiate as would the Viceroy if he were acting on behalf of the Government.

With regard to matters coming before the House, clearly anything arising out of these discussions will be the subject of legislation and will have to come before the House. I am not sure whether it is feasible to have a debate before they go out. In any case there is a Bill coming down to the House designed to give the Viceroy more elbow room in the formation of his Cabinet on which discussion could arise.

Perhaps Mr. Eden will discuss with the Lord President (Mr. Herbert Morrison) whether that is an adequate opportunity or not. Undoubtedly, it is our intention to set up a machinery in agreement with Indians whereby the Indian people themselves will decide their destinies.

Mr. Reginald Sorensen (Labour), one of the British Parliamentary Delegation which has just returned from India, asked whether a time limit was placed on the visit. He hoped they would do their utmost to solve the problem and remain there until it was solved. They had the best wishes of the House.

Mr. Attlee: There is of course no time limit laid down, but one hopes they will not be kept out there too long. I echo Mr. Sorensen's hopes—no harm in hoping. I hope they will be successful in as short a time as possible.

"BOLD EFFORT"

In the House of Lords Viscount Simon (Liberal) said that all joined in the hope that this plan might bear fruit and that India would regard it as proof of the genuine desire of this country to help towards a solution of her intractable constitutional problems.

Government could be assured of the goodwill of the Opposition "in this bold effort to bring about a happier state of things in India."

Viscount Samuel (Liberal) welcomed this fresh effort to break the persistent deadlock. He hoped that the strong initiative now being taken by the Government would elicit some helpful response from the contending interests in India. The Viceroy commanded a very general measure of confidence and it was to be hoped that he would find his hands strengthened by this Delegation so that the objects he had so long had in view might be forwarded.

OPPOSITION GOODWILL ASSURED

Viscount Samuel hoped that the Indian people would appreciate that the British people in giving Sir Stafford Crippe leave of absence for their sake were accepting very considerable sacrifice of their own immediate interests.

A very large part of the work of post-war reconstruction of the British was in the hands of the President of the Board of Trade and the functions he performed in relation to industry and foreign trade were of urgent and fundamental importance.

Yet Sir Stafford Cripps had rendered such signal services to India and was so fully acquainted with all the necessities of the case that it was clear that he should go to India.

"The Earl of Munster, former Under-Secretary for India, said the whole House would wish the Delegation godspeed and good luck.

VICEROY'S STATEMENT STANDS

Lord Pethick-Lawrence replying said that the announcement did not alter the statement made by the Viceroy in September about framing a constitution for India. The Viceroy's hand would be strengthened by the presence of members of the Government.

It remained the intention of the British Government that it was for the Indians to decide the basis of their own constitutional structure. The Mission would stay no longer than was vitally necessary, but there was no desire that it should return with its work only half done.

The Mission would act as representative of the Cabinet in India and carry the authority of the Cabinet. No doubt, when it went it would be given certain specific instructions of direction and the general purpose of its procedure. As far as he could commit himself at the moment he did not think the proposals would be out of the normal constitutional procedure. The Mission were not going to override the Viceroy. They would be associated with him.

VICEROY AND CABINET

Their presence in India would not alter the substantive relationship between the Cabinet and the Viceroy. He would verily whether his presence in India as Secretary of State altered that fact. He understood that there would have to be a definite Treaty between this country and India.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence said the Dominions had been informed. He would not like to be too specific about the precise nature of the Executive Council referred to in the announcement. It was hoped to base the Viceroy's Executive Council during the period while the Constitution-Making Body was proceeding with its labours on the main Indian parties.

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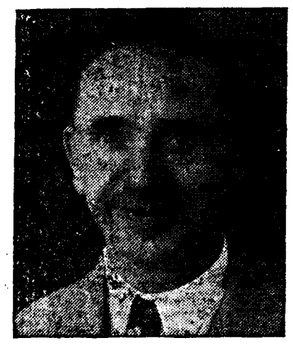

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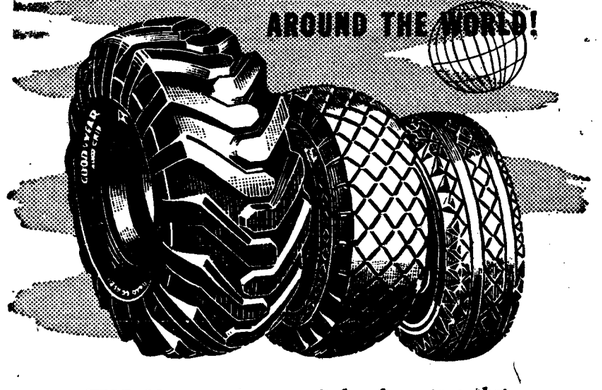

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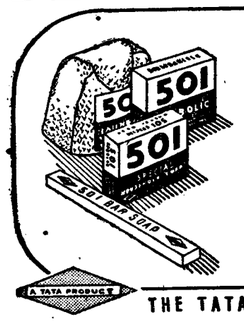

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MARCH IN PROCESSION AND SHOUT SLOGANS

Bombay, Feb. 19

A wave of panick swept across the Fort and Colaba areas this morning, when a large contingent of naval ratings in battle dress, invaded the localities in naval lorries, and took "law and order" in their own hands.

British soldiers in uniform were chased and manhandled; foreign firms, like Kodak's, Lawrence and Mayo's, Evans' Fraser, Favre Leuba, were compelled to close down for fear that their shops might be smashed up otherwise.

British soldiers, chased by naval ratings, were seen running across Hornby Road and rushing into the nearest building for refuge. Soldiers who sought refuge in Kodak's, were dragged out and manhandled. It is learnt that the men helped themselves to a few cameras which were lying about handy. Some of the incidents which were noticed were:

Show cases belonging to the Great Western Stores, are learnt to have been smashed up.

The American Flag belonging to the offices of the USOWI, was smashed and burnt on Hornby Road, opposite Whiteaway and Laidlaw. Some Union Jacks are also learnt to have been made a bonfire of.

Superintendent Hughson and two police officers are reported to have been assaulted.

Cars, driven by Europeans came in for a fair share of the attention of the strikers. They were stopped and made to shout "Jai Hind" or "Subash Bose Ki Jai", and allowed to go in any direction fancied by them. The cars were quite often speeded along with a parting kick.

Certain military mail bags containing letters are learnt to have been torn up and contents scattered on Hornby Road.

The tram track opposite Regal Cinema was set on fire after a liberal sprinkling of kerosene oil.

All Government buildings are being guarded by armed police.

The men are now learnt to have gone to H.M.I.S. Talwar, where their leaders are expected to lay their demands before the Naval authorities.

During the lunch recess, a Navy van, fitted with a loud-speaker, toured about the Fort area, appealing the strikers to maintain perfect peace.

At about 1 p.m. the van arrived at the R.N.O. Distributing Authority Office, near Town Hall. The speaker on behalf of the strikers, appealed to his followers to maintain perfect non-violence. Their grievance had nothing to do with community or caste. Whether they were Hindus or Muslims, they were all one in maintaining unity and discipline. He also stated that their grievances had been placed before the members of the Working Committee of the Congress and he had no doubt that they would guide them on right and proper lines.

SEVEN PERSONS INJURED

Seven persons were injured including four Policemen, a European Sargeant and two civilians by the Naval Ratings.

This was in connection with the strike sequel to the alleged insulting behaviour of the commanding officer King towards the R.I.N. ratings. Over 1,000 Indian ratings in 'H.M.I.S. Talwar', the signal training ship in Bombay went on a hunger strike and will continue to do so till their grievances are redressed.

A European Sergeant on Hornby Road was assaulted with a hockey stick. Two policemen were also injured while interfering. They were removed to the G. T. Hospital. Two other Policemen who were injured at Colaba were removed to the St. George Hospital.

The main grievances of the ratings are that immediately following the hunger strike the British ratings were removed by the Establishment officers and confined to wardrooms. They further referred to the detention at Arthur Road Prison of a telegraphist attached to the ship due to the differences in the relations between the ratings and the officers. They also wanted revision of scales of pay allowances and the speedy demobilisation of R.I.N. personnel with reasonable provisions for resettlement, and other facilities including travelling as in the Royal Navy.

The strike, it is stated, was precipitated by the insulting behaviour of the Commanding Officer who was alleged to have addressed them as "sons of coolies" and "sons of Bitches."

There was a Conference between the executive committee of the strikers and Rear Admiral Rattrey, when the former put forward their demands. The Rear Admiral, it seems was not amenable to their reported demand that a National leader must be brought as mediator. However, he promised to consider their demands and has asked for time.

The strikers affirmed their determination not to take mess food until better rations were offered.

One of the strike leaders told "Chronicle" Reporter that the Indianisation of the Commanding Officers' post was one of the demands. "Let him be the blackest of Indians. That does not matter. We want an Indian", he said.

The white ensigns from all the ships and establishments were hauled down. "Jai Hind" posters were pasted on notice boards and lorries.

In the afternoon, three lorries, full of navy men, drove around the Fort area having tri-colour flags and shouting anti-British slogans.

Rather interesting was the action of sick naval ratings at the Castle Barracks. They, despite their ill-health and the advice of their doctors, put on crutches and walked into the streets!

It is reported that the strike has spread to the following depots: W. T. Workshop at Dockyard; Signal Station at Dockyard; Remote Control Office. Navy Wireless; Receiving Station. Colaba; Ships in the harbour and in the docks; Castle. Fort and M. T. E. barracks; and on the H.M.I.S. "Assam" on sea.

From the available information it is stated that the strike would continue for some time more. Naval officers, in their respective barracks, are making feverish attempts to prevent more men from going on strike

BOMBAY, Feb. 19 (APA): A mob of Indians mostly wearing uniforms of the Royal Indian Navy, today, tore the United States flag from the front of the building housing the United States Information Services here, and burned the flag in the street then failed in an effort to break into the American Express Company Office, nearby

Mr. Walter D. Shackleton, in charge of the U.S.I.S., said protests would be made "through proper channels Washington has been notified of the incident. We are awaiting further instructions on the next step in protesting this insult to the flag of our country"

He said the Bombay police did not interfere with the flag burning.

Mr. Shackleton said a crowd of approximately 300 who had started to march in a demonstration of sympathy for R.I.N ratings who are on a hunger-strike aboard H.M.I.S. 'Talwar'. Suddenly stormed up to the U.S.I.S. headquarters where the flag was flying from a pole above the headquarters' library door.

He said one demonstrator climbed atop the shoulders of another, tore down the flag, and the mob then raced around the corner into Hornby Road.

Efforts to ignite the flag with matches failed. some demonstrators then obtained newspapers, fashioned them into a torch, and the flag was burned in the flaming newspapers.

SERGEANT ATTACKED

An American army sergeant who was about to enter his jeep parked at the curb when the crowd swept up to the flag, was attacked but escaped in the vehicle, apparently without serious injury.

Members of the crowd, some of whom carried Congress party flags, shovels field hockey-sticks and wooden clubs, shouted as one of the group hit the sergeant on the shoulder with a shovel and two others hit him with clubs.

From there the group went to the Express office, but the manager is reported to have been able to secure the door as they aproached. They then left shouting slogans and waving their banners and sticks.

Mr. Shackleton said he has notified the American Consulate of the incident and also has notified Mr. Ralph Block, in New Delhi, the principal Public Relations Officer of the U.S.I.S in India. He said there had been no effort by the demonstrators to invade the U.S.I.S building

SCENES IN BOMBAY HARBOUR

In the Bombay Harbour, a demonstration could be heard clearly from the shore aboard at least two ships riding af anchor. Incessant shouting of men aboard at least one of the vessels was heard clearly, while sailors on the shore said that the tooting of whistles aboard two craft was spelling out in code the worls "Quit India".

Ships bells could be heard clanging The "Talwar" is not really a ship, it is a land installation for training.

SECOND PROCESSION

As the day progressed another group of men in R.I.N. uniform began another procession but observers said this one unlike the earlier one, which seized and beat some naval officers, molested no one

The marches shouted slogans and the names of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru and Mr. Jinnah, according to their personal political loyalties.

They shouted that they were demonstrating because they were not treated as well as Britons in the navy.

OFFICIAL VERSION

An official version of to-day's incidents issued by the Director of Information, Bombay, says: "The disturbances in H.M.I.S. "Talwar", the Royal Indian Naval Barracks in Bombay, spread on Monday morning to other R.I.N. establishments and a large number of strikers came out into the streets and indulged in acts of hooliganism.

Men from the Castle Barracks decided to join the strikers in H.M.I.S. "Talwar". They left the barracks about 9 a.m. and made their way to the Fort Barracks where they persuaded some of the ratings there to join the demonstration. They next made their way into Hornby Road. Here they stopped motor-cars, taxis and buses, and in one or two instances forced passengers to alight. Some R.A.F. personnel were forced to get out of a taxi. One or two persons were assaulted, one being an Indian passer-by and another a British N. C O. Passengers were forced to alight from B.E.S.T. buses and one bus was damaged. The ratings also invaded the premises of Messrs. King and Company, booksellers, and Kodak Limited and did some damage there. A little later the demonstrators stopped a Royal Navy motor-cycle, ridden by an European and set it on fire.

POLICE OFFICERS ASSAULTED

"Police officers who went to the scene from Palton Road Police Station were assaulted by strikers armed with hockey-sticks and iron-bars and three of the officers were injured.

"At Flora Fountain, a bus was stopped and damaged and a similar incident occurred at Bori Bunder.

"During the morning a number of R.I.N. lorries were seized by the strikers, who drove wildly about the streets, shouting slogans and calling on shopkeepers to close their shops. At least one of the lorries was involved in a collision near Victoria Terminus where the occupants of the lorry were arrested.

"Later in the morning most of the demonstrators dispersed to their barracks."

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(From Our Correspondent)

DHULIA (West Khandesh), Feb. 18.

(By Phone.)

The curtain was finally rung down to-day on the sensational case in which seven persons were being tried in connection with the West Khandesh dacoity involving looting of Government treasury of Rs. 500,000 when Dhobi and two others were sentenced to transportation for life, by the District and Sessions Judge, Dhulia.

The remaining four accused were discharged. One of them however, was re-arrested.

POLICE EXCESSES IN BALASORE IN AUGUST STRUGGLE

CUTTACK, Feb. 18 (U.P.I): Forty-two persons died and over 270 persons were injured as a result of police firing in the district of Balasore during the period following August 9, 1942, according to a report prepared by the Utkal Provincial Congress Committee in response to the A.I.C.C. circular.

The report adds that nearly 300 persons were arrested. Collective fines were imposed and realised and the police indulged in filthy and abusive language to women and compelled them to part with their jewels as a price for the liberty of their husbands and sons.

In certain places, the report says, flogging and all methods of torture continued till the unfortunate victims lost their senses. Communal friction was sought to be created by the police but they could not succeed.

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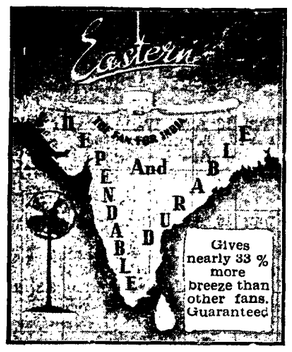

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SHARP DECLINE IN BULLION PRICES ON PROFESSIONAL UNLOADING

Cotton At Standstill Awaiting Teji Mandi Settlement

The Share Bazar was quiet. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2825 and declined to Rs. 2810. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 490 and quietened at Rs. 487. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 2215 and declined to Rs. 2205, Kohinoor shares opened at Rs. 691 and eased off to Rs. 676.

Later on there was increased selling which resulted in a further loss. After yesterday's sharp rise there was increased profit-taking. The drop in Bullion market discouraged buyers and the market closed at about the lowest level of the day with Tata Steel Defds Rs. 2800. Ordinary Rs. 483 and Bombay Dyeing Rs. 2190.

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The Bullion market is now inclined to offer holdings and professional operators who upto now fully exploited the situation are reported to be unloading. Floating stocks being very small in the market. Bulls used to earn with risk heavy budlee differences but now those operators have realised, they do not find short sellers are compelled to liquidate holdings with the result that prices recorded sharp declines.

Forward silver opened to-day at Rs. 144/14 and declined to Rs. 143/4 on general liquidation and later steadied at Rs. 143/8. Ready gold also declined to Rs. 88/14. The present decline is more of technical adjustment nature and it will be risky to sell short.

Silver declined to Rs. 143 under professional unloading and then steadied on scattered covering but under persistent selling the market closed easy as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Gold	89	2	0
Ready Silver	143	0	0
Forward Silver	142	15	0

BOMBAY COTTON

The Cotton market was quietly steady with a restricted turnover.

As pointed out before the market is under the influence of monthly tejimandi settlement. Option business is prohibited but regular trading every month continues and professional operators find it easy to earn large profits without much risk.

The market was at a standstill for March delivery and ruled steady with scattered buying at Rs. 452. The market is likely to remain narrow until tejimandi settlement.

The market was at a stand still for the whole day and quotations just moved within a range of annas eight. The session closed at 5.30 p.m. as under—

I.C.C. March	452	0	0
I.C.C. May	460	12	0
I.C.C. July	471	12	0
I.C.C. Sept.	478	4	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
March	454/8	451/8	451/8
May	464	461	461
July	474	471/8	471/8
Sept.	480	477/8	479/4

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March Contract is 891 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

BOMBAY PRODUCE.

The market was quiet with increased selling. Groundnuts Bombay delivery Rs. 21/8 and Madras Gos. delivery Rs. 19/12. Ready Khandesh Rs. 113, Quality Rs. 111 and Bold Rs. 108. Castorseeds Bombay Ready Rs. 19 and delivery Rs. 18/12. Linseed Ready Rs. 22 and March-May delivery Rs. 21/15.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tata Ordinary 482/8 Tata Deferred 2800, Indian Iron 53/14, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 46/12, Bombay Dyeing 2192/8, Central India 441/4, Century 950 Gokak 335, Kohinoor 673/2, Simplex 335, Andhra Valley 1857/8, Tata Hydro 217/8, Tata Power 1977/8, Associated Cement 236, Belapur 248/2, Bombay Burma (Old) 617/8.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 19th February. Total amount offered was Rs. 4,86,00,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-14-3 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-0 allotted approximately 79 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. Four Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-7-9 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 26th February, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. and up to the close of business on Monday, the 25th February, at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 1st March. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 15th February Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,16,25,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

HAPUR MARKETS.

HAPUR, Feb. 19.

Wheat unquoted stock reduced 50. Khattis Peas 10/8, Maize 12/5, Bajra 11/10, Markets extremely steady Arhar 9/8, Old 9, Urad 10, Moong 11/13. Stocks Arhar 10, Peas 5, Khattis Gur 10/11, Jagery Powder 11/10, Steady arrivals 1,000 mds. Cottonseed 11/12, Guwar Ready 8/7, Balshak 8/1/11. Touched 8/0/6, Last night opened steady good buying support Silver Ready 145/3, Future 144/11. Touched 143/4. Highly erratic on remours of American Silver sales in India Gold 88/12, Future 88/8, Quiet Touched 87/12, Bardana Ready 56 to 60/8, Chet 64/8 Asuj 53/4 quiet.

Bearish Feeling And Profit-taking In Wall Street Market

NEW YORK COTTON PRICES DECLINE ON EXPECTATIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL OFFERINGS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.

Wall Street opened irregular and active and following early irregularity, the market eased under the leadership of steels and motors on profit taking and disappointment at the failure to settle the general motors strike over the week-end. Prospects of poor earnings during the first three and possibly six months, particularly by companies affected by the strike and lack of materials created bearishness in some quarters. There was a slight comeback towards noon and prices generally were lower, although liquidating pressure was not pronounced. A little late support reduced most of the early losses and dealings tapered off. Scant comfort was derived from "hold the line" emphasis by the price administrator, Mr. Bowles, before the house banking committee and sentiment was also chilled by the threat of a national telephone walkout. The session closed easy.

American Telephone and Telegraph (194 1/4) 194 3/4 Amerex Corpn (36 1/4) 37-3/4 Anaconda Copper Mining (51 1/4) 49 3/4 Chase National Bank (44-3/8) 44 3/8 Sinclair Oil (19 1/2) 19 1/4 Firestone Tyre and Rubber (77 3/4) 77 General Electric (51-1/2) 50 3/8 General Motors (79-1/4) 78 1/4 Ingersol Rand (136) 139 3/8 International Nickel (42 1/8) 41-1/2 National City Bank of New York (48 1/4) 48-1/4 New York Central Rail Road (32 3/4) 31 3/4 Socony Vacuum Corpn (16-7/8) 16 7/8 Texas Corpn (57-7/8) 57 Union Carbon and Carbide (109 5/8) 108 3/4 U. S. Smelting refining mining (79) 78 3/4 U. S. Steel Corpn (95-3/8) 92 Western Union Telegraph (51-1/2) 51.

DECLINE IN COTTON

New York cotton opened steady on over week end pricefixing and trade buying but the response to reports that the farm bloc would press for legislation to change the parity formula to include labour costs was meagre. Later activity accompanies and general easing owing to heavy profit taking and liquidation which forced prices to levels where stopless selling orders were uncovered. This found offtake indifferent after the recent further smart gains. Easiness of securities continued stalemate in the motors strike and technical considerations all acted as restraints. Other depressing influences were expectations of substantial offerings of Govt. stocks by the C.C.C. and the secretary of agriculture statement that "if we are to maintain domestic and foreign markets the Govt.'s price pegging programmes must be halted shortly around noon selling lifted and prices rallied slightly on renewal of trade support. At midday prices ruled steady. Decline was resumed during the afternoon owing to renewal of liquidation which possibly reflected a mere sober view of the administration's wageprice policy. Interest in this connection was attracted by the price administrator, Mr. Bowles emphasis on the need for maintainance of the hold the line policy. This tended to curb support, espcially from socalled inflationists and prices were back to near the lowest of the day with both near and distant July particularly affected by the liquidation the international statistical bureau's estimate of intended plantings of 20,463,000 acre exercised little influence and the market.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

Grains: May rye eased fractionally in very quiet dealings attributed to further profit taking, ignoring the five cent advance in Winnipeg on the other hand, the firmness of deffered oats contracts based on expectations of current wheat curbs will promote greater demand for this grain. Reports of rain which had been urgently needed in the southwest for winter wheat attracted considerable attention.

May (1.80-1/2) 1.80-1/2.
July (1.80-1/2) 1.60-1/2 bid
Sept. (1.80-1/2) 1.60-1/2 bid.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Feb. 18

March	26.29—12
March highest	26.46+05
March lowest	26.24—17
May	26.28—17
July	26.27—21
October	26.12—11
December	26.06—14
January	26.07—12
Middling Spot	26.83—17

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

March	26.33—19
May	26.33—12
July	26.32—12
October	26.13—12
December	26.09—13
Middling Spot	26.00—10

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

March	26.33
May	26.36
July	26.35

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, February 19.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16.
London Banks selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32.
London Banks buying T. T. 1/6 1/32.
London Banks buying D. D. 1/6 1/16.
London Banks buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th month.
London Banks buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th month.
New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 3/4.
New York Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 3/4.
New York Banks buying T. T. Rs. 329 1/2.
New York Banks buying D. D. Rs. 328 1/2.
Montreal Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 302 1/2.
Montreal Banks buying T. T. Rs. 299.
Montreal Banks buying D. D. Rs. 297 1/2.
Paris Banks selling T. T. Fcs. 3550.
Paris Banks buying T. T. Fcs. 3650.
Amsterdam Banks selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79 1/2.
Java Banks selling T. T. D. D. ——.
Hongkong Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.
Shanghai Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 17 1/4 Nom.
Singapore Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 167 1/2
New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.03 3/8-4.03 1/2.
London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 15/16-1/3 3/32.
London/Shanghai Cross Rate 3d. to 3 1/16d.
London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/3 15/16 to 2/4 5/32.
London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70 to 480.30.
London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2 — 3/4.
London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 17.30 — 40.
London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr 16.85 — 95.
London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32 19.36.
London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 1/2 — 4.03 1/2.
London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.43 4.45.
London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68 10.70.
London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 7.58/7.62.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet.
London Discts: 3 Months 17/32 p.c.
London Discts: 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.
Money:—Call 1/4 p.c. 3 months 1/2 p.c. 6 months 3/4 p.c., 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.
Tone:—Easy.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, Feb. 19.

Cocoanuts Raw 150, Dry 140, Cocoanut Oil 575, Copra Office 370, Dilpasand 385, Madrasnottam 440, Goodgoods 435, Pepper Wynaad 390, Country 370, Dry Ginger Chernad 350, Ernad 325, Coffee Robusta 85.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Feb. 18.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (new crop) unoffered, Australian Wheat (bulk) 64/6 quoted Feb.-Mar., Australian Wheat (bags) unoffered.

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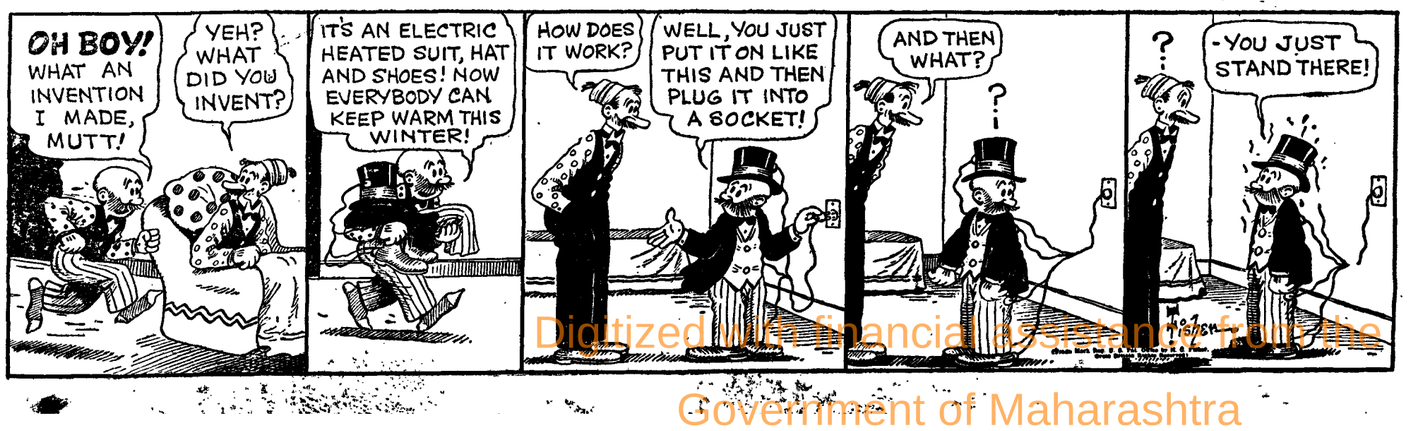
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the private strips of land described below, along the Tansa, Vehar and Tulsi Pipe and Trolley Line lands exclusively owned by the Municipal Corporation of Bombay will be closed to pedestrians and vehicular traffic and to animals for 24 hours on the dates mentioned.

Dated 13th Feb. 1946.

E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer.

No.	Location of the strip to be closed.	Miles & Furlongs From	To	Approximate width of the strip in feet.	Date of closing.
I.	Tansa Dam to Jamboli Sluice Valve Anchor Block.	0	8|4	100	From 10 A.M. on Monday 25|2|46 to 10 A.M. on Tuesday 26|2|1946.
II.	Jamboli Sluice Valve Anchor Block to Lap Khaling Trolley Track.	8|4	15|6	100	From 10 A.M. on Wednesday 27|2|46 to 10 A.M. on Thursday 28|2|1946.
III.	Lap Khaling Trolley Track to Pogaon Sluice Valve Anchor Block.	15|6	22|7	100	From 10 A.M. on Friday 1|3|46 to 10 A.M. on Saturday 2|3|1946.
IV.	Pogaon Sluice Valve Anchor Block to Kasheli Bridge North.	22|7	29|0	100	From 10 A.M. on Monday 25|2|46 to 10 A.M. on Tuesday 26|2|1946.
V.	Kasheli Bridge North to Pokhran Road south.	29|0	32|7	500' 100	From 10 A.M. on Wednesday 27|2|46 to 10 A.M. on Thursday 28|2|46.
VI.	Pokhran Rd. south to Bhandup Sluice Valve Anchor Block.	32|7	37|6	100	From 10 A.M. on Friday 1|3|46 to 10 A.M. on Saturday 2|3|46.
VII.	Bhandup Sluice Valve Anchor Block to Andheri Marol Rd.	37|6	42|3	100	From 10 A.M. on Monday 25|2|46 to 10 A.M. on Tuesday 26|2|46.
VIII.	Vehar Screening Tower to Powai Cross connection along 48" Vehar main.	0|1	0|7	25	-do- -do-
IX.	Andheri Marol Rd. to military Rd., Vankola.	42|3	44|7	50	From 10 A.M. on Wednesday 27|2|46 to 10 A.M. on Thursday 28|2|46.
X.	Military Road Vankola to Mahim Creek upto City limit.	44|7	47|5	100	From 10 A.M. on Friday 1|3|46 to 10 A.M. on Saturday 2|3|46.
XI.	Powai 2-72" x 60" cross connections to Ghatkopar 60" x 2-48" connections.	40|3	43|4	100' 50	From 10 A.M. Monday 4|3|46 to 10 A.M. Tuesday 5|3|46.
XII.	Saki to G.I.P. Rly. culvert Kurla along 48" Vehar main.	2|6	5|3	50 25	-do- -do-
XIII.	Ghatkopar to Futka Tank.	43|4	49|-	100 50	From 10 A.M. Wednesday 6|3|46 to 10 A.M. Thursday 7|3|46.
XIV.	From Kurla Rly. Line to Kutchra Chembur Sluice House along the 48" Vehar Main.	5|2300	6|163	30	-do- -do-
XV.	Tansa to Navoda South.	0|0	8|1798	50	From 10 A.M. Monday 4|3|46 to 10 A.M. Tuesday 5|3|46.
XVI.	Navoda South to Khaling North.	8|1798	15|1230	50	From 10 A.M. Wednesday 6|3|46 to 10 A.M. Thursday 7|3|46.
XVII.	Khaling North to Pogaon Anchor Block along the Duct.	15|1230	24|2400	50	From 10 A.M. on Friday 8|3|46 to 10 A.M. on Saturday 9|3|1946.
XVIII.	Khaling Trolley Track Loop Line.	0|0	1|2	25	-do- -do-
XIX.	Kapurbavdi to Bhandup Chlorination.	33|4359	41|2354	50	From 10 A.M. Monday 11|3|46 to 10 A.M. Tuesday 12|3|46.
XX.	Bhandup Chlorination to Ghatkopar cross connection.	41|2354	45|3835	50	From 10 A.M. Wednesday 13|3|46 to 10 A.M. Thursday 14|3|46.
XXI.	Tulsi Lake to Marol Maroshi Road along 24" Tulsi main.	0|1	5|0	25	From 10 A.M. Friday 15|3|46 to 10 A.M. Saturday 16|3|46.
XXII.	Tulsi Trolley Track Ter-Minus to Bhandup Anchor Block along the Trolley Track.	0|0	2|4	25	-do- -do-

N.B.—Private parties who have been granted written permits to use the Pipe Line land as a means of access and who have paid an annual rent for the same will be allowed to use the land by special permit in cases where the permits are still current. (6754)

NOTIFICATION.

Applications are invited for four temporary posts of Architectural Draftsmen in the Office of the Chief Engineer (General, Buildings and Defence) in the scale of Rs. 120-10/2-150 PLUS Dearness allowance at the rates admissible and House allowances.

QUALIFICATIONS: Government Diploma in Architecture from Sir J. J. School of Arts, Bombay and at least three years practical experience in an Architect's Office. Applications giving full particulars with dates of technical training, practical experience and age and accompanied by copies of testimonials should reach the Deputy Chief Engineer (General Buildings and Defence), Madras before the 4th March 1946.

Originals of testimonials should be produced, if required

R. McINTOSH,
Chief Engineer, P. W. D.
(Gl. Bldgs. & Defence.)
(6757)

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NOTICE

As from the 20th February, 1946 the current official prices of "Shell" and "B.O.C." Petrol in Bombay Island and Suburbs has been decreased to Rs. 1/10/6 per gallon ex pump and Rs. 1/11/6 per gallon in sealed cans. These prices are exclusive of the Sales Tax imposed by the Bombay Provincial Government. 6761

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Power of Attorney given by our client Jamnavahu widow of Manji Keshavji and Executrix of the Will of the said Manji Keshavji to Ramji Gopalji on the 3rd day of August 1937 for and in connection with the management of the estate of the said Manji Keshavji and our client's personal property was revoked and cancelled by our client as and from the 4th day of December 1945.

Any one dealing with him as such Constituted Attorney of our client or otherwise in connection with the said Trust Estate and/or our client's personal property will do so at his own risk and account.

Dated this 18th day of February 1946.

HARIDAS & CO.,
Attorneys for Jamnavahu, widow of Manji Keshavji.
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POTATO ORDER AMENDED.

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 18th February 1946

ORDER

No. 44(1)/IV-A. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Order issued in Government Notification in the Finance Department (Supply), No. 44(1)/IV dated the 12th July 1945, as follows, namely:—

In the said Order—(i) in clause (3) after the word "that" the words "save as otherwise authorised by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, or the Deputy Director of Civil Supplies (General), Bombay, or the Assistant Director of Civil Supplies (General), Bombay," shall be inserted, and (ii) for the existing EXPLANATION the following EXPLANATION shall be substituted, namely:—

EXPLANATION:—For the purposes of this Order—(a) "dealer" means a person carrying on the business, whether or not in conjunction with any other business, of selling potatoes; and (b) the "Bombay Suburban District" means the Bombay Suburban District as constituted immediately before the 1st day of October 1945.

2. With reference to sub-rule (1) of rule 119 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that notice of the above Order should be given by—(a) publication of the same in the Bombay Government Gazette; (b) publication of the same in the following newspapers, namely.—(1) The "Times of India", Bombay; (2) "Bombay Chronicle", Bombay; (3) "Free Press Journal", Bombay; (4) "Morning Standard", Bombay; (5) "Nava Kal", Bombay; (6) "Janmabhumi", Bombay; (7) "Nava Shakti", Bombay; (8) "Vatan", Bombay; (9) "Mumbai Samachar", Bombay; (10) "Jame-Jamshed", Bombay; (11) "Iqbal" Bombay; (12) "Inquilab", Bombay (13) "Vishwamitra", Bombay; (c) issue of a Press Note explaining the provisions of the Order; (d) affixing copies thereof to the notice boards in the revenue offices in the Bombay Suburban District, and announcing by beat of drum in the Bombay Suburban District, that copies of the Order have been so affixed; and (e) supplying copies of the same to the following associations, namely:—(1) Bombay Onions Potatoes Merchants and Commission Agents Association, Bombay (2) Fruits and Vegetables Merchants Association, Crawford Market, Bombay. (3) Vegetable Merchants Association, Byculla, Bombay.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
D. S BAKHLE,
Joint Secretary to Government
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NOTICE

The Shareholders of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, Limited, are informed that the Government of India have given their consent under Defence of India Rule 94-A to the proposed issue of new capital of 15,00,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 15/- each to be issued at a premium not exceeding Rs. 15/- per share.

For The Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,
NAROTTAM MORARJEE & CO.
Agents.

Bombay, 19-2-1946. 6760

NOTICE

MESSRS. FAZALBHOY LIMITED (INSURANCE DEPARTMENT) have great pleasure in announcing that they have shifted their offices to more spacious premises at "Fazalbhoy Building," ground floor, next to West End Watch Company, Fort, Bombay, as from 15th February, 1946. TELEPHONE NO. 34109. (6758)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

The City Engineer invites two separate tenders for the works described below for the year 1946-47.

1. For the execution of annual repairs to all buildings belonging to the Municipality, petty works and supply of labour in A. B. C. D & E/East Wards.

2. For the execution of annual repairs to all buildings belonging to the Municipality petty works and supply of labour in E/West, F & G Wards including Bandra Slaughter Houses, etc

Tenders should be accompanied by a deposit of Rs 4,000/- each addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, not later than 1-0 P. M. (B T) on Wednesday the 27th February 1946.

A copy of the Tender will be available on payment of Rs. 5/- from the office of the City Engineer. (6753)

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